

## **Otto H. Babler**

**April 10, 1869 – April 13, 1956**

### **Otto H. Babler, 87, Esteemed Monticello Resident, Expires**

Funeral services for Otto H. Babler, 87 years of age, highly esteemed and respected Monticello resident, who passed away at 1:15 Friday morning at his home following an extended period of failing health, were held at 2 Sunday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home.

Mr. David Hiesey, Dubuque, Iowa, of the Jehovah Witness Assembly, officiated. Burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry C. Klassy, Henry J. Elmer, Clarence Holcomb, Alfred Wettach, John Wittenwyler, and John Meier.

Mr. Babler had experienced declining health for several months and had been bedfast for three weeks.

Born in New Glarus township April 10, 1869, he was the son of Oswald and Sarah Kundert Babler. He attended the village school in New Glarus. On Sept. 16, 1892, he was united in marriage in Monticello to Rosa Waelti. For many years Mr. Babler worked at the blacksmithing trade as an employee of his brother, the late Henry L. Babler, and he also worked at his trade for C. M. Stauffer for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Babler always lived in Monticello following their marriage.

An unusually diligent and meticulous workman, Mr. Babler took much pride in his work, An affable individual, Otto was a jovial and good natured person who possessed the ability to take a jibe as well as to hand one out.

He is survived by his wife; three sisters, Mrs. John H. Zweifel, New Glarus, Mrs. Ada Zentner, Monroe, and Mrs. Dick Freitag, Monticello; one grandson, Norman B. Steussy, Olympia, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Babler was preceded in death by two daughters, Miss Hildegarde, 1917, Mrs. Henry N. Steussy, Milwaukee, 1946, three brothers and three sisters.