

Celia Bontly

Jan. 30, 1866 – December 19, 1951

Mrs. Celia Bontly, 85, Dies Suddenly, Rites Saturday P.M.

Esteemed Village Resident Dies Wednesday After Evening Meal

Funeral services for Mrs. Celia Bontly 85 years of age, esteemed and highly respected resident of Monticello for more than 50 years, who passed away at 6.45 p. m. Wednesday in her home on Monroe street, were held at 2 Saturday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in the adjoining church cemetery. Pallbearers were Willis Babler, Ed. A. Bontly, Lawrence F. Marty and Walter Tryon, Monticello, William Bontly, Sr. Janesville, and Wilbert Marty, Columbus.

Although Mrs. Bontly had experienced failing health for the past three years, she appeared in her usual spirits when she and members of her family had their evening meal. Very shortly thereafter, however, she suddenly passed away.

Celia Babler was born in Sylvester township, Jan. 30, 1866, the daughter of Isiah and Anna Rhyner Babler. She attended the Elmer rural school in Mt. Pleasant township. On March 9, 1886, she was united in marriage to Anton Bontly, the ceremony being performed in New Glarus by the late Rev. Etter. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bontly farmed for two years in Washington township. In 1898 they moved to Monticello to make their home.

A devoted member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church and of its Missionary Society, Mrs. Bontly attended church very regularly as long as her health permitted. A quiet, home-loving individual, Mrs. Bontly acquired a large circle of close friends and acquaintances, all of whom learned of her sudden death with sincere regret.

Surviving are two daughters, Anna and Sophia; and one son, Otto E, Bontly, all at home; one sister, Mrs. Christ Bontly, Madison; and one half-brother, Isaac Babler, Monroe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, April 21, 1902; one son, Anton, Jr., 1891; one daughter, Alma, April 21, 1918; four sisters, Mrs. Sam Wittwer, Mrs. Lemuel Schultz, Mrs. Mary Hess, and Miss Fannie Babler; two brothers, Henry and Jacob; and one half-sister, Mrs. Jacob Kubly.