

**Samuel E. Duerst**  
**July 17, 1887 - July 21, 1981**

Sam E. Duerst, 94, rural Monticello died Tuesday, July 21, 1981, on his farm home from heart failure.

He was born July 17, 1887 on the Duerst homestead farm in New Glarus Township, the son of John W. and Barbara Wendli Duerst. He attended the Meadow Valley rural school.

On Nov. 14, 1916, he was married to Fern Zweifel in the parsonage of the Zwingli Evangelical Church, Monticello, by the late Rev. Albert Muehlmeier. They lived in Monticello for two years before moving to Washington Township where they had resided since. He had retired from farming.

He was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, where funeral services were held Friday, July 24. Pallbearers were David E. Duerst, New Glarus, Peter John Buol and Keith Jacobson, Monroe, and Dennis Frontzak, Larry E. Hummel and Gilman Schmid, Monticello. Rev. Charles G. Workman officiated and burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Survivors include his wife, Fern; one son, Karl E. Duerst, Monticello; one brother, Edwill, Whitewater; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Elmer, New Glarus; Mrs. Charles Delaney, Poynette, and Mrs. Edward Brown, Palo Alto, Calif., and two granddaughters, Ann and Barbara Duerst.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Merlin, in 1925; two brothers, Leon and John, and three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Arn, Mrs. Frieda Schmid and another in infancy.