

Susanna Elmer

Dec. 17, 1876 - February 3, 1969

Mrs. Susanna Elmer, 92, Dies; Services are Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Susanna Elmer, 92 years of age, who passed away at 8:40 Monday morning at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where she had been hospitalized early in January and again on Jan. 19, were held at 2 Wednesday afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in Highland cemetery.

Susanna Zentner was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Elm, Canton Glarus, on Dec. 17, 1876, a daughter of Oswald and Susanna Babler Zentner. In March, 1882, she accompanied her family to America, settling in this area. She attended the Zentner rural school.

On Jan. 26, 1893, she was united in marriage in Monticello to Fred C. Elmer by the late Rev. Rusterholz. They farmed in Mt. Pleasant township for seven years and in 1901 purchased a larger farm in Exeter township, near the old settlement of Exeter, and farmed there for 24 years, retiring to the village in 1925.

Mr. Elmer died in 1936. Mrs. Elmer had been a resident of the New Glarus Home for Aged since Jan. 10, 1967. After the death of her husband, she learned to drive a car, at the age of 59, in order to make trips to the farm, and continued to drive for many years. Especially active for one of her years, Mrs. Elmer kept up her own lawn and maintained a large garden as long as she lived at her home here.

Mrs. Elmer was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid Circle.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Mrs. Raymond Duerst, New Glarus; one great-grandson, Allen J. Fjelstad, New Glarus, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Fred C. Elmer, Jr., Dec. 5, 1958; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Bandi, New Glarus, Aug. 14, 1961; seven brothers, Peter and Casper, who were killed by a mountain slide in Switzerland, and five in Wisconsin and Iowa—Hilarius, Oswald, Fred, Henry and Sam Zentner; five sisters, two in infancy, and Mrs. Regula Bindschaedler, Monroe, and Mrs. Albert Steffen and Mrs. Mary Butts, in Minnesota.