

**Mary Gempeler**  
**July 25, 1856 – June 1939**

**Mrs. Mary Gempeler Is Summoned: Final Burial Services Held**  
**Rev. A. R. Achtemeier Has Charge of Last Rites**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Gempeler, 82 years of age, a resident of Monticello for many years, who passed away early Wednesday evening at the home of her son, John Gempeler, following a period of illness which had its inception about two months ago, were conducted at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at the home of her son, John, and at 2 in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers, six grandsons, were as follows: Harvey and Glen Gempeler, Washington township; Robert Gempeler, Albany; Leroy Babler, Clarno; and Glen and Marvin Rufer, Monroe.

Mrs. Gempeler first became seriously ill about two months ago, at which time she was removed from her home on Monroe street to the home of her son, where she has been cared for since. Advanced age and complications were the cause of her death.

**Native of Switzerland**

Mary Loertscher was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Wimmis, July 25, 1856, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Loertscher. At the age of 11 years she came to America, settling in Monroe and later moving to Washington township on the farm now conducted by John Loertscher. Since coming to America she spent her entire life in Green and Dane counties with the exception of two years which she spent in Nebraska. She was united in marriage to John Gempeler, the ceremony taking place July 4, 1878. Mrs. Gempeler was the last member of the Loertscher family.

News of Mrs. Gempeler's sudden passing was received with sincere regret by her many friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Gempeler always took great pride in her home and garden and was only an occasional visitor down town.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Isaac Babler, Clarno, and Mrs. Wm. Rufer, Monroe township; five sons, John Gempeler, Monticello, Albert and Ed. Gempeler, Washington township, Henry Gempeler, Monroe, and Herman Gempeler, Albany, and 28 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three children, and three brothers.