

Anna Karlen

March 15, 1859 – Aug. 1941

Respected Local Resident Summoned; Conduct Final Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Karlen, 82 years of age, well known and highly esteemed resident of Monticello for the past 40 years who passed away at her home on South Main Street Friday night from complications resulting from a broken hip sustained in a fall in April were conducted at 1:30 Monday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home and at 2 in the Evangelical and Reformed church.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers, all nephews, were as follows: Henry. C. Klassy, Wm. Klassy, Chas. R. Marty, Fred C. Marty and Edw. Marty, all of Monticello and vicinity, and Herman Marty, Madison.

Injured in Fall

In April Mrs. Karlen fell on the lawn at her home while placing some clothes on a line, and while the nature of her fall did not seem to have assumed serious proportions, it was discovered some time later that she had suffered the fracture of a hip. She was taken to a Monroe hospital April 29, where she remained as a patient until June 13. An unusually strong and healthy person despite her advanced years, Mrs. Karlen failed to respond to the best medical treatment available, and her condition became gradually weaker and, while her death was feared for several days previous, her strong constitution held out until Friday night.

Anna Marty was born in Brookfield, Wis., March 15, 1859, daughter of Melchior and Maria Salmen Marty. She gained her education in the Dividing Ridge rural school in Adams township. Her marriage to Gottfried Karlen occurred March 14, 1878, the ceremony taking place in New Glarus. For 23 years the couple farmed in Adams township, moving to the village to reside in 1901.

Mrs. Karlen was a member of Evangelical and Reformed church.

Possessed of an unusually friendly and good natured disposition, Mrs. Karlen was held in the highest regard by the young and old alike who were numbered among her acquaintances. Unusually active until she suffered her illness, Mrs. Karlen took a keen interest in her home and garden.

List of Survivors

Surviving are one son, Fred C., Sr., Monticello and one daughter, Miss Louise Karlen, Monticello, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr. Karlen passed away in 1916. Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mrs. Peter Klassy, New Glarus, two sons, John and Sam, Monticello, three brothers, Charles, J. C. and Jacob Marty, and one sister, Mrs. Louise Klassy.

NOTE: Interred in the old Monticello, often called the Zwingli, cemetery.