SUSAN KARLEN

Mrs. Susan A. Karlen, 87, Monticello, died Wednesday, May 29, 1980, in St Clare Hospital, Monroe, following a brief illness. She was admitted to the hospital May 23, after becoming ill at home.

The former Susan A. Durst was born Dec. 29, 1892, on the Durst Homestead farm in New Glarus Township, the daughter of John E. and Anna Elmer Durst. She worked as a milliner in New Glarus and Milwaukee prior to her marriage.

She married Fred E. Karlen on Dec. 28, 1935, in Freeport, Ill. They farmed in Washington Township until retiring in the early 1950's when they moved to Monticello. Her husband died Sept. 7, 1967.

She was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, and its Friendship Circle, and was a member of a homemakers club.

Her only survivors are a sister, Mrs. Kathryn Zentner, Belleville, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Rev. Charles G. Workman officiated and burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, three sisters, Emilie, May 3, 1908; Mrs. Herman (Anna) Hefty, July 26, 1971, and Mrs. Alvin (Lena) Ott, July 4, 1973, and two brothers, Fred Durst, April 29, 1965, and John E. Durst, July 14, 1975.

Pallbearers were Alvin R. Bernet and Conrad F. Elmer, Monticello; Quinton Ott and Maynard K. Hefty, New Glarus; John E. Zentner and Cloyance C. Zentner, Belleville.

Voegeli Funeral service was in charge of arrangements.