

## **Maria Anna Klassy**

**December 28, 1878 - December 18, 1905**

It was with a feeling of intense sorrow that the people of Monticello and vicinity learned of the death of Mrs. John P. Klassy, brief mention of which was made in these columns last week. Born and reared within a few miles of this village, she was well known to nearly everybody, and while it was known that she would soon be called upon to bid adieu to the scenes of earth forever, yet the sorrowful news of her untimely demise came as a severe shock to all.

Maria Anna Karlen was born in the township of Adams on December 28, 1878, being the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Karlen, now residents of this village, and it was at the home of her parents that she passed peacefully away on Monday, December 18, after a long and lingering illness. She suffered from consumption, and although everything possible was done to avert the progress of the disease, it all proved of no avail.

Deceased was married in 1898 to Mr. John P. Klassy of Washington township, who, together with two little sons, now mourn the loss of a faithful and devoted wife and a loving and indulgent mother. Besides the members of her family, the deceased is survived by her parents, two brothers and one sister, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

At the request of the deceased, her remains were taken, on Tuesday, to her late home in Washington township. On the day following, brief services were held at the residence, the funeral party then proceeding to New Glarus, where the services proper were held at the Swiss Reformed church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Carl Heyl, of this village, assisted by Rev. Roth, of New Glarus.

The large attendance at the funeral fully attested the high esteem in which the deceased had always been held.