

Jacob J. Koller

March 8, 1880 - January 24, 1944

Jacob J. Koller, 63, Esteemed Resident of Community, Dies Washington Twp. Farmer Called Monday A. M. At Hospital

Jacob J. Koller, 63 years of age, well known and highly esteemed Washington township farmer for the past 33 years passed away at 9:15 Monday morning in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Koller had been in failing health for the past two years. Some months ago he was hospitalized for several weeks and since then had been failing rapidly. Mr. Koller had been bedfast for several weeks.

Native of Switzerland

He was born March 8, 1880, in Canton Appenzell, Switzerland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Koller. In 1910 Mr. Koller came to the United States and was employed for three years on the Henry C. Elmer farm, west of Monticello. On Dec. 12, 1913, he was united in marriage to Johanna Walser the ceremony taking place in Monroe. Following their marriage the couple moved to the Jacob Schuler homestead farm, about three miles west of Monticello, which the gentleman purchased. They had made their home on the same farm ever since.

Mr. Koller was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, Monticello.

News of Mr. Koller's death was received with sincere regret by his many friends and acquaintances. Always a hard-working and industrious individual, Mr. Koller had earned a deep respect of his farm neighbors and friends in the community.

Surviving are the widow; one son, Jacob, Jr., who operates the Koller farm; two daughters, Mrs. Otto Schiffman, Belleville, and Mrs. Norman Peterson, McFarland; five grandchildren; two brothers, Hans and Robert Koller, and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Hicks and Mrs. Thra Rechsteiner, all in Switzerland.

Services Thursday

At noon today (Thursday) the body will be taken from the Voegeli funeral home to the Zwingli church, where services will be conducted at 2 in the afternoon by Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor. Interment will be in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers will be Henry C. Klassy, Wm. E. Klassy, John Meier, Sr. Ulrich Gerber, Fred Studer and John Hammerly.