

William P. Pagel, Sr

May 10, 1870 – November 5, 1957

Wm. Pagel, Sr., 87, Succumbs, Rites to Be Held Here Today

William P. Pagel, Sr., 87 years of age, well known Monticello resident, passed away at 1:45 p. m. Tuesday in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where he had been a patient since Aug. 7.

Born in Decatur township May 10, 1870, he was the son of Fred C. and Louise Hartwig Pagel. On Dec. 22, 1892, he was united in marriage in Sylvester township to Barbara Baebler. They farmed in Dutch Hollow. Since 1932 Mr. Pagel had lived with his son, William, Jr., in Mt. Pleasant township and since 1945 in Monticello.

Up until his illness this past summer, Mr. Pagel was unusually active for one of his advanced years. He worked as a wood cutter for a number of years with Ora Prisk, local wood dealer. His buoyant disposition brought him many friends. He enjoyed telling stories of the past and was a great jokster, getting as much pleasure from telling a "long one" about a friend as when the story reverted to himself by one of his friends.

He is survived by two sons, William, Jr., Monticello, and Benjamin, Freeport, Ill.; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Paulson, Freeport; two sisters, Miss Marie Pagel, Monroe, and Mrs. Martha Luchsinger, New Glarus; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren,

He was preceded death by one son, Edwin, in 1916, two brothers, Otto and Frank, one grandson, Alvin Pagel, in 1926, two sisters, Mrs, A. F. Behrndt, Rice Lake, and Elizabeth, at the age of six,

Funeral Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 this (Thursday) afternoon at the Voegeli funeral home. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, will officiate, and burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, Monroe.