

Magdalene Lena Pluss-Klassy

Sept. 30, 1882 - Nov. 14, 1973

Mrs. Lena Klassy, 91, mother of Herman Pluss of Monroe, died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the New Glarus Home after an extended illness. For many years she was a Monticello resident and previous to that lived in rural Albany-Monticello.

The former Magdalene (Lena) Aebly was born in Washington Township Sept. 30, 1882, a daughter of Melchior and Barbara Jenny Aebly. She attended Dividing Ridge School. On June 6, 1909, she was married in Monroe to John Pluss, a native of Switzerland. They farmed in Mt. Pleasant Township. Mr. Pluss died Sept. 21, 1947, and shortly afterwards she moved to Monticello. On Jan. 29, 1957, she married Henry C. Klassy. He died Oct. 20, 1959.

Mrs. Klassy had been at the New Glarus Home since May 1970. She was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ at Monticello and its Ladies Aid Society. During her many active years, she had enjoyed her gardening and raising of flowers.

Surviving are the son, Herman Pluss; five daughters, Mrs. Sam P. (Wilma) Klassy, Monticello; Mrs. Herman J. (Frances) Klassy, Monroe; Mrs. Gordon (Helen) Klinger, Compton, Calif.; Mrs. Hilda Penquite, Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Henry (Florence) Bradley, Huntington Beach, Calif.; four step-children, Mrs. Fred (Helen) Abbott, Mrs. Waldo (Elsie) Zimmerman and Kenneth Klassy, all of Monticello, and Carl Klassy, Madison; a sister, Mrs. Robert (Katie) Blum, Monroe; a brother, Fred Aebly, in Florida; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and 11 step-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Wilbert Pluss, Aug. 28, 1953; a daughter, Louisa, in 1923; a brother, Daniel Aebly, Monroe, and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Zweifel, Brodhead; Mrs. Sarah Witter, Arena, and Mrs. Barbara Schindler, Monroe.

Funeral services for Mrs. Klassy will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, in Zwingli Church, Monticello. Rev. Charles G. Workman is to officiate. Burial will be there in Highland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Memorial Lounge of Zwingli Church after 5 p.m. Friday.

NOTE: Although her second marriage was to a Klassy, she was interred with her first husband, John Pluss.