

Mrs. Rosina Rufer

One of Monroe's oldest residents, Mrs. Rosina Rufer, 98, formerly of 912 9th St., died at 3:30 p.m. yesterday in White Haven Nursing and Convalescent Home, Old Argyle Road. She had been a resident there the past five years, after her eyesight began to fade. Old-age complications were fatal.

The former Rosina Iseli was born in Washington Township, Aug. 8, 1867, one of 14 children of Christian and Verena Bunker Iseli. She attended Washington schools. On Dec. 16, 1886 she was married in Monticello to Ulrich Rufer. They farmed in Washington Township until retiring to Monroe in 1925.

Mrs. Rufer, confirmed at Washington Reformation Church June 4, 1882, was an ardent worker in the church, taught Sunday school for many years, and also sang in the choir. She was a charter member of the Aid society. During her long life, she was interested in quilting, sewing, flowers and gardening.

She is survived by seven children: four sons, William, Albert and Ewald, all of Monroe, and Carl, Monticello; three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Bertha) Marty, Monticello; Mrs. Dave (Esta) Indergand, Monroe, and Mrs. Frank (Elda) Hartwig, Monroe; a sister, Mrs. Magdalena Ritschard, Monroe; 27 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rufer was preceded in death by her husband, March 4, 1944; her mother in 1901; her father, 1920; a son, Raymond, Dec. 10, 1943, a month after his discharge in World War II; a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Flora) Gempeler, Monticello, June 19, 1956; six brothers, John, 1915; George, 1918; Samuel, 1927; Henry, 1943; Jacob, 1955, and William, 1962; six sisters, Anna Barbara in 1880; Mrs. Gottfried (Louisa) Waeffler, 1922; Mrs. Mary Bidlingmaier, 1938; Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, 1953; Mrs. Fred (Anna) Ritschard, 1958, and Mrs. Carl (Verena) Marty Sr., Monroe, Aug. 27, 1965, who would have been 104 years old on Christmas Day; one grandchild; one great-grandchild, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Stuessy Funeral Home. Rev. J. Allen Mittler, Monticello, of Zwingli United Church of Christ and Washington Reformed Churches, will officiate. Burial will be in the Washington Church Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after noon on Christmas Day. At Mrs. Rufer's request, memorials are to go to church benevolences.

