

John Saxer

July 29, 1902 - March 25, 1981

John Saxer, 78, Monroe, died Wednesday, March 25, in St. Clare Hospital, where he had been hospitalized since Feb. 23.

The son of John and Kathryn Saxer, he was born in Hinterforst, St. Gallen, Switzerland, on July 29, 1902. He came to the United States in 1920 and settled in the Monticello area. He married the former Anna Gerber on Nov. 27, 1924, in Monticello.

He farmed until 1942 in Mt. Pleasant Township, and then at a farm north of Monticello in Exeter Township until 1957. He moved to Monroe and worked at the Huber Brewery until his retirement in 1964.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 28, in the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, where he was a member. Rev. Charles Workman officiated and burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Marvin (Wilma) Fosaaen, New Glarus, and Mrs. Wilfred G. (Hilda) Wirth, Monroe; three sons, Werner (Johnny) and Edwin F., both of Monticello, and Harry W., New Glarus; one brother, Rudy, and a sister, Louise, both of Switzerland; 32 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother Werner in Switzerland, two grandsons, Nathan Wirth, Jan. 30, 1965, and Paul Scott Saxer, March 5, 1981, and one great-granddaughter, Tiffany Disch, Nov. 12, 1979.

Pallbearers were all grandsons, Willis F. and Larry Disch, New Glarus, Dale Saxer, Monticello, Randy Saxer, Monroe; Scott Saxer, Freeport, and W. George Wirth, Juda.