

Ernest R. Wenger
May 30, 1896 - February 26, 1971

Ernest Wenger, 74, Succumbs; Services Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Ernest R. Wenger, 74 years of age, esteemed Monticello resident, who died at, 10:35 Friday morning in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where he had been a patient since Feb. 6, were held at 2 Monday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. Charles G. Workman, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Donald Blum, Roger Blum, Monroe, Rudolph Wenger, Durand, Ill., Orville Wenger and Willie Wenger, Rockford, Ill., and George Wenger, Pecatonica, Ill.

A resident of the Monticello area since 1934, Mr. Wenger was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, May 30, 1896, the son of Albrecht and Eliza Reusser Wenger. He received his education in Switzerland. He came to the United States in March, 1920, settling in Stephenson county, Ill., where he was a cheesemaker.

On Dec. 29, 1921, he was united in marriage at Freeport, Ill., to Marie Iseli and the couple continued to reside in Stephenson county and made cheese until 1933. At this time they made a trip to Switzerland for an extended visit, returning early in 1934 and moving to a farm in Washington township, about a mile west of Monticello. They retired from farming and moved to Monticello in 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Wenger again visited in Switzerland in 1967 for seven weeks.

His hobbies were gardening and yard work.

Mr. Wenger was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Willis R. (Nellie) Blum, Monroe; three brothers, Gottfried, Durand, Ill., Rudolph in Switzerland, and Otto, San Francisco, Calif.; four half-brothers and three half-sisters, all in Switzerland; two grandsons, Roger and Donald Blum, and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by six brothers, four in the U. S. and two in Switzerland.