

Arnold Widmer

July 10, 1883 = March 15, 1971

Arnold Widmer, 87, Blanchardville, Dies

Arnold Widmer, 87 years of age, a native of Switzerland and former Monticello area cheesemaker, died at his home in Blanchardville at 6:15 am. Monday after a lingering illness.

A native of St. Gallen, Switzerland, he was born July 10, 1883, the son of Joseph and Bertha Diemer Widmer. He attended schools in Switzerland and came to America in 1915, settling in the Monticello area. He was united in marriage to Bertha Koller on Aug. 2, 1919, in Monticello. Mr. Widmer made cheese in the former Moritz and Schuler Bontly factories, west of Monticello, and also near Belleville and Postville. Later he was employed by the Pet Milk Co. in New Glarus.

The couple retired to Blanchardville in 1954.

Mr. Widmer was a member of the Trinity Lutheran church of Blanchardville and of the Monticello Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Irving Wild, New Glarus, and Mrs. Everett Ingwell, Blanchardville; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son in infancy, four brothers, and a sister.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Trinity Lutheran church. Rev. J. R. Hestenes officiated, and burial was in the Washington Reformation church cemetery, west of Monticello.