

Minnie Wittwer

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Funeral Rites Held Tuesday for Former Monticello Citizen Mrs. Minnie Wittwer, 49, Dies Following Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Wittwer, 49 years of age, a former Monticello resident and well known to citizens of this community, who passed away Saturday afternoon in the Bowen Convalescent home, Monroe, following an illness which had its inception several months ago, were conducted at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in the Shriner-Neushwander funeral home, Monroe.

The Rev. Richard Rettig, pastor of the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed church, New Glarus, of which Mrs. Wittwer was a member, officiated. Burial was in Highland cemetery, Monticello.

Pallbearers were Wm. Baumgartner, Albany, Werner Stauffacher and Gilbert Ott, New Glarus, F. H. Stauffacher, Gerritt Kooreman and John Streiff, Monticello.

Mrs. Wittwer spent several weeks in the Monroe hospital a short time ago, during which she submitted to an operation. Her condition failed to improve despite all attempts and she gradually grew weaker, finally losing the struggle to overcome the illness with which she had become afflicted.

Native of Switzerland

Minnie Rechsteiner was a native of Switzerland, having been born Nov. 8 1893, in Canton Appenzell, the daughter of John and Barbara Stricker Rechsteiner. In 1914 she came to America, settling in the Monticello vicinity. On April 12, 1921, she was united in marriage to Gottlieb Wittwer, the ceremony taking place in Monticello. Mr. Wittwer, who years ago was associated in the cheese business with his brother Edward, passed away in 1925. She continued to make her home here for some time following her husband's death, but subsequently moved to the vicinity of Albany, where she resided with a brother, Walter Rechsteiner, for a period of time. She spent two years or more in Switzerland, returning to the United States last year, following an exciting and eventful trip out of war-torn Europe.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Charlene, Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Gloria, Madison; four step-children, Mrs. Edw. W. Marty, Monticello, Mrs. W. W. Freitag, Villa Park, Ill., Huldreich Wittwer, Chicago, and Clarence Wittwer, in the U. S. army; five brothers, Walter Rechsteiner, Albany, John and Arnold, Kawlin(?), Mich., Werner, Beaver Dam and Ernest, in Switzerland. She was preceded by her father and one sister.