

Sophie Wyss

Dec. 9, 1884 – January 5, 1956

Mrs. Sophie Wyss, Esteemed Resident Of Village, Expires

Striking with a lightning like suddenness which stunned the entire community and plunged it into sadness, death claimed Mrs. Sophie Wyss, 71 years of age, esteemed Monticello hotel proprietor for many years, at 9:25 Thursday night.

Mrs. Wyss' sudden and unexpected death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kistler, whom she had gone to visit. Death, resulting from a cerebral hemorrhage, came only a few minutes after she had entered the Kistler home.

Mrs. Wyss had not complained of feeling ill during the day. That she was feeling in her usual good spirits is evidenced by the fact that she undertook the walk from the Grand Central hotel to the Kistler home.

Held in High Esteem

Mrs. Wyss, "that nice white haired lady," as so many people referred to her, especially among the younger folks, was held in high esteem by all who knew her. That she was well liked and respected was demonstrated so clearly by the great profusion of floral tributes at the final rites in Zwingli church.

In her soft spoken, tolerant manner, she guided the destinies of the hotel business with a firm but gentle hand. An industrious, home-loving individual, she was always busy at one of the many tasks connected with the operation of her hotel business.

She will be deeply missed by her family and her many friends. Born in Germany Sophie Bonetti was born Dec. 9, 1884, in Freiburg, Germany, the daughter of Johannas and Anna Mathys Bonetti. She moved with her parents to Zurich, where she attended school and was confirmed in the Swiss Reformed church. In June, 1909, she came to the United States and on June 30, of that same year she was united in marriage to Alois Wyss in Hoboken, N. J. They lived in Monroe, Milwaukee and Beloit, where Mr. Wyss was a machinist. Later they operated a farm near Fennimore for a short time. On Oct. 20, 1920, they purchased the Grand Central hotel from the late Mrs. Samuel Amstutz, and the hotel had since been Mrs. Wyss' home. Mrs. Wyss was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, its Ladies' Aid society, G.U.G.G. and Moose lodges, and the Swiss Club of Monroe.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Charles Gollickson, Mesa, Ariz., and Mrs. Reginald Duerst, New Glarus; one son, Louis Wyss, Monticello; one brother, Fred Bonetti, Ucluelet, British Columbia, Canada, and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dec. 25, 1945, two sisters in Switzerland, one son in infancy, and one daughter, age 1.

Funeral Services Monday

Funeral services were held at 2 Monday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Alfred Aeberhard, Walter Haddinger, Adolph Kistler, Albert Knobel, Jacob Krieg and Ernest Schuerch.