

Oswald H. Zentner, Sr.
Dec. 28, 1884 – October 8, 1963

Oswald H. Zentner, 77, Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Oswald H. Zentner, Sr., 77 years of age, lifelong resident of Monticello and the surrounding area, who passed away at noon Monday in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, were held at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Marvin Freitag, Walter Hauri, Howard Kennedy, Jacob Voegeli, W. L. Wichser and Ted Zurbuchen.

Mr. Zentner, who had been hospitalized for one week, had experienced failing health for the past year.

Born on the Zentner homestead farm in New Glarus township, on Dec. 28, 1884, he was the son of Hilarius and Margaretha Zentner. He attended the Voegeli rural school. On Nov. 15, 1910, he was united in marriage, at Monticello, to Rosina Hammerli. They farmed on the homestead farm until retiring to Monticello in 1947.

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

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Robert Schneider, Mrs. Ivan Grunder, New Glarus, Mrs. James Pierce, Monticello, and Mrs. Nathan Crouch, Monroe; One son, Oswald H. Zentner, Jr., Monticello; three brothers, Casper, Monticello, Henry, Monroe, and Emil, Nebraska; two sisters, Mrs. Herman F. Klassy and Mrs. Cecil F. Jordan, Monticello; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, July 20, 1952, one brother, Fred, one sister, Mrs. Jacob Duerst, and one grandson, Gordon Schneider, in 1942.