

## **Minnie Merlee Zurbuchen**

**Jan. 25, 1905 - January 5, 1977**

Mrs. Merlee Zurbuchen, 70, 633 East Lake Ave., Monticello, was pronounced dead in the emergency room of Madison General Hospital, Monday morning, Jan. 5, after suffering an apparent heart attack in an optometrists office nearby.

She was born in Darlington on Jan. 25, 1905. The former Minnie Merlee Pickett was the daughter of Byron and Carrie Way Pickett. She grew up in the Mt. Vernon area and attended McPherson rural schools. On Jan. 16, 1929, she was married to Theophil (Ted) J. Zurbuchen. They lived in Madison a short time and have been Monticello residents since the early 1930's. He was a former partner in Krieg-Zurbuchen. in Monticello.

Mrs. Zurbuchen is survived by two sons, Zane Z., and Dean, both of Monticello; and one brother, Floyd, Lacanto, Florida,

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968, an infant daughter in 1931, and a son, Willard (Teddy) in 1949.

She was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, the Zwingli Ladies Aid, the Adult Fellowship Club, and the Royal Neighbors of America. She had always assisted with the bloodmobile when it visited Monticello.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, with her pastor, Rev. Charles G. Workman, officiating. Burial will be in the Swiss Church Cemetery, New Glarus. Visitation will be held after 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Zwingli Memorial Lounge. A memorial fund has been established.

Pallbearers will be Eugene H. Dahlk, New Glarus; Kermit Kammerer, Kenneth H. Klassy, Jack Krieg, Monticello; Hulett L. Pickett, Monroe; and Richard Zurbuchen, Verona.

Voegeli Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.