

**CALLED BY DEATH**  
**END COMES IN HOSPITAL AT MADISON; FUNERAL MONDAY**

**Feb 10, 1864 - Mar 13, 1931**

Monticello. — (Special) — A Monticello resident of high esteem was claimed by death at 5:30 yesterday afternoon when Mrs. John Benkert, aged 67, succumbed in the Methodist hospital, Madison, where she had been a patient for a week. On Monday a goiter operation was performed in an effort to curb her rapidly declining health. She appeared to withstand the ordeal well and the distressing news of her death comes as a distinct shock to her relatives and friends. Members of her family were summoned to her bedside Thursday night when she suffered a sinking spell. She lapsed into a coma before the end.

Ursula Blum, daughter, of Barbara and Werner Blum, was born Feb. 10, 1864, in Washington township, where she spent her girlhood days on a farm. She was united in marriage to John Benkert, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Benkert, also of Washington township, on July 4, 1891. They lived on a farm, now known as the Clarence Loveland place in Washington township, until 1903 when they moved to Monticello where the family is prominently known.

The passing of Mrs. Benkert removes a noble personality from this community. She was a woman who cherished high ideals, who took more than usual interest in her church and friends and who was devoted to her home and family. She was a member of the Swiss Reformed church and was active in church societies and charitable work. She was confirmed in 1878 in St. John Evangelical church, Monroe, by Rev. Fotsch.

Surviving are the widower; three daughters, Miss Fannie, G. Benkert and Miss Frieda A. Benkert, Monticello, and Mrs. Paulus A. Roth, Monroe; three brothers, Werner Blum, Sr., Monroe; Fred Blum and Jacob Blum, Monticello, and one sister, Mrs. John Blumer, Monticello. The deceased was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Monday afternoon, privately, in the Benkert home, at 2 in the Reformed church, Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. Interment will be in Highland cemetery.