

Florence Duerst

MONTICELLO — Florence O. Duerst, 88, N6874 County J, Monticello, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996 at The Monroe Clinic.

She was born in Jordan township, March 28, 1907, the daughter of Jacob and Lena (Gempeler) Haessig.

She married Robert H. Duerst Dec. 20, 1923. She lived on the Duerst family farm all her life in Adams township.

Survivors include a son, Robert H. Duerst Jr., Monticello, three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Lela) Ryan, Brodhead, Mrs. Eugen (Lila) Saunders, New Glarus, and Mrs. Stephen (Lucinda) Fahr, Winslow; two brothers, Robert Haessig, Redding, Calif. and Glen Haessig, Malibu, Calif; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her husband July 24, 1957; a son, Leland in 1926; twin daughters, Diane and Donna in 1942; two brothers, Werner and Walter Haessig; and four sisters, Mrs. Fred (Hulda) Theiler, Mrs. Lee (Lillian) Steiner, Mrs. William (Esther) Huber and Mrs. Loyd (Ethel) Prien.

Mrs. Duerst was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. She was a member of Associated Milk Producers Inc. and a school board member.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, the Rev. Shirley Funk and the Rev. Charles Workman officiating. Burial is in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Friends may call from 5-8 pm. Monday at Stuessy Funeral Home of Monticello, and at the church from 9:30 a.m. until time of service on Tuesday.