

HAZEL V. KUNDERT

Hazel V. Kundert, age 100, of Monticello passed into the arms of her Lord at the New Glarus Home on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

Hazel was born July 26, 1911 in Washington Township, the daughter of Joseph and Bertha (Wittenwyler) Zweifel.

She spent most of her life in Monticello, graduating from Monticello High School in 1929 and Green County Normal School in 1930.

She taught at Attica Rural School for 4 years and the Voegeli Rural School for one year.

She married Kenneth W. Kundert on June 17, 1935 in Monroe. They made their home in Blanchardville where Kenneth was a Smith Hughes instructor for five years. Their son, Kenneth R., was born on June 17, 1939.

In 1940 the couple moved to Jefferson where Kenneth taught until March, 1943. They then moved to Kenneth's family farm to help his father who had retired. Kenneth was accidentally electrocuted in a farming accident in July, 1942.

Hazel and her three year old son moved back to Monticello, where she was offered a teaching position. She taught for 34 years, including 7 as Monticello's Elementary Teaching Principal. While teaching, she earned her BE degree at UW-Whitewater and an art minor at UW-Platteville. She loved teaching and enjoyed contact with her former students after retiring.

Hazel was a long time member of Zwingli UCC, Altar Guild, Zwingli Women's Guild, GCREA, WREA, NRTA, and was a life member of the Monticello Area Historical Society.

Following her retirement she enjoyed volunteer activities, reading, sewing, gardening, crafts, painting, playing Bridge, and of course spending time with her family.

Hazel was a woman of great creativity, integrity, courage, and faith. She was a real blessing and joy to her family.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Judy Kundert of Platteville; three granddaughters, Kristin (John) Kundert-Gibbs of Athens, GA, Kara (Tim) Behm of Green Bay, and Kori (Dan) Hemming of Darlington; and six great-grandchildren, Joshua and Kenlee Kundert-Gibbs, Mariah and Kaitlyn Behm, Kenneth Jackson Hemming and Ellie Hemming.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son, parents, step-father, and sister and brother-in-law, Helen (James) Knoblauch.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, with Reverend Lawrence Balleine officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established in Hazel's name. The Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home is assisting the family.



Hazel and family are so appreciative of all the wonderful people that have helped her in the past years. They were a joy to Hazel.

A special thank-you to Home Health Nurse Stephanie, Dr. Uma and staff of the Monroe Clinic, and to Dr. Gedden.