

[Morts, Ola]

MOHAWK RESIDENT VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA  
Miss Ola Morts Dies After Short Illness Following Cold

Mohawk, Oct. 15.—A shock to the community and one bringing deep grief to numerous friends was the announcement of the death at 11:30 today of Miss Ola Morts, which took place at the home of her father, Howard Morts, Main and Ann streets. Death was due to pneumonia. First taken with a cold, more serious complications followed, she having been ill only a week, and that her condition was critical was unknown to many.

Deceased was a native of German Flatts, but for several years she had been a resident of Mohawk. She was born September 22, 1877, and was 43 years of age. Her late mother's maiden name was Mary Ann Bliss. Miss Morts was a dressmaker and had been matron [e.g. manager] of the Old Ladies Home at Mohawk. She was a woman of high character and a member of the Herkimer Universalist Church. Miss Morts counted with this, a genialness, warmth of friendship and neighborliness, expressed in deed always where possible, that endeared her to all who enjoyed her acquaintance and made her the center of every circle, in all of which she will be greatly missed. Miss Morts was a member of Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge No. 287, I.O.O.F., held the office of secretary and was active in the work of the organization. Surviving to mourn the loss besides the bereaved father are three sisters, Mrs. Eugene Knapp, Emmonsburg; Mrs. James Davis, Mohawk; Mrs. Burton Fineout of Dolgeville, who will have the sympathy of all in their deep sorrow. The funeral will be held Monday at 3 o'clock from her late home, and private. Rev. L. H. Robinson, her pastor, will officiate and burial will be made in the Mohawk cemetery. Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge will have charge of the commitment at the cemetery, the members meeting at the lodge room at 2 o'clock.

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