

REMEMBERING MONICA MARIE BARRETT KLUG

1890-1968

Resident of St. Joseph German Settlement

By Linda Cunningham Fluharty, January 2022.

I really knew little about the St. Joseph German Settlement in Marshall County until Isabelle Hohmann Parikh contributed information about it to my Marshall County WVGenWeb site. - But then I realized I had known a St. Joseph resident a very long time ago.

I was 17 when I entered the practical nursing school at Reynolds Memorial Hospital in the fall of 1965. One of my first patients was MONICA KLUG and she was from St. Joseph. She was a darling woman and I thought she looked just like Mrs. Santa Claus.

Mrs. Klug had a miserable hospital stay and I helped her as much as I could. We were absolutely not permitted to accept \$ or gifts from patients and I told her so when she said she wanted to give me something. One day, Mrs. Klug told me she had spoken with the director of the nursing school, Miss Elizabeth Simon, and got permission to give me a little gift. She said she had her daughter-in-law go to the Ferris Shop in Moundsville to get it.

It might have been 1966 by then.... and the gift was this rhinestone pin of a cat with red eyes and nose. - That was at least 55 years ago and, although I never wore it, I still have the pin.... I had cared very much about Mrs. Klug and I valued her gift to me.



Mrs. Klug died 2 years after I took care of her.

OBITUARY - *The Intelligencer*, June 26, 1968 : "KLUG, Monica M. Barrett, 78, of St. Joseph, Marshall County, died at 10:55 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale. She was born March 30, 1890 in Benwood, daughter of Louis and Catherine Herrick Barrett. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic

Church and the Poor Souls Society of the church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. Klug, on June 20, 1947. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Margaret) Estep of RD 2, Moundsville; one son, I. George Klug of RD 1, Proctor; one sister Mrs. Anne Kirchgessner of Syracuse, NY; two brothers, G. A. and Joseph Barrett, both of Wheeling; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Friends received at Grisell Funeral Home, Moundsville after 7 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements are incomplete."

Monica Marie Barrett, 21, married Albert Joseph Klug, 26, on June 21, 1911 at St. Alphonsus Church, Wheeling, West Virginia. They had two children, Margaret Catherine, born in 1913, and Ignatius George, born in 1915.

Albert J. Klug died in a tragic accident on June 20, 1947.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 21 June 1947

Albert Klug Looped In Oil Cable, Dies

Albert Klug, 64, St. Joseph's merchant and operator of several oil wells in that vicinity met instant death, around noon Friday while working on a well near Adaline, Marshall county. He was picked up by the rope, then thrown to the floor. Coroner Dr. David Ealy was called to the scene, and rendered a verdict of accidental death due to skull fracture.

Coroner Ealy said Klug had been working on an abandoned well and was guiding cable onto a winding drum when the cable whipped into a big loop that caught him and carried him into the drum.

Working with him at the time of the accident were Vince Wayman and Lawrence Klug.

Deceased is a brother of Mrs. John Vorderbrueggen of Elm avenue, Moundsville.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Estep of Proctor, and a son, Ignatius at St. Josephs.

Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters Edward A. Klug and Miss Anna Klug, both of St. Joseph, Miss Angela Klug of Parkersburg; Mrs. A. E. McIsaac of Mannington; Mrs. Richard Thorton of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. J. C. Vorderbrueggen of Moundsville. Three grandchildren

Eugene, Mary Catherine and Margaret Ann Estep also survive.

The deceased, a son of George and Margaret Yaeger Klug, was born on September 11, 1884 at St. Joseph in Marshall county. He was married to Monica Barrett of Wheeling on June 21, 1911. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic church.

The body will be removed from the McIsaac funeral home to the family residence this morning.

A Solemn High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated, Monday morning at 9 o'clock (EST) at St. Joseph Catholic church.

Rev. George Kuhn, pastor; Rev. Robert Welskircher of Follansbee, a former pastor at St. Joseph, and the Rev. Eugene F. Klug of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling, a nephew of the deceased, will celebrate the mass. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Catholic cemetery, located near the church.

Monica and Albert Klug are buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, Marshall County.