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.



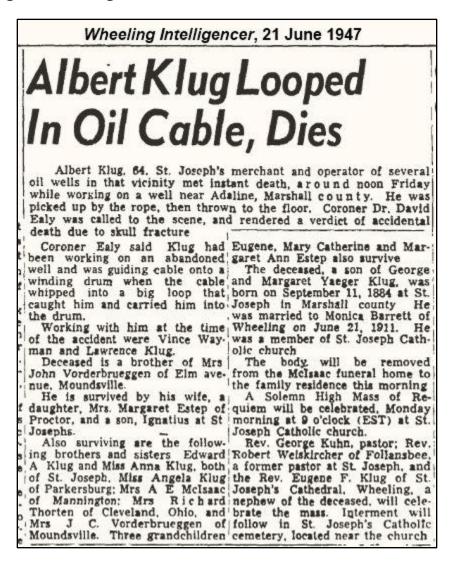
Mrs. Klug died 2 years after I took care of her.

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.



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