

My loving wife Katharina Buhler was born March 26, 1877 in the vicinity of Mountain Lake, Minnesota where she grew up. She was baptized at the age of 19 in the year of 1896 by Elder Henry Quiring upon her confession of faith in the Bergfelder Church of which she became a member until the end of her life.

On November 29, 1896 we married in the Bergfelder Church. We started our home in the little town of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. We lived there til 1918 then we moved to the farm where we lived until she died. The Lord blessed our marriage with two children; one daughter and one son. She was a faithful wife and loving mother to the children. One of her concerns was that both of her children would find the Lord as their personal Saviour.

We didn't escape the experience of sickness. Under the different sufferings she found she had a growth on her right breast which caused us great concern. Then on top of that the doctor told her she had diabetes in 1928 which had quite a bit of suffering related to that. There were many things in other people's diet she couldn't enjoy but she understood how to control her diet. Most of the concern was about the growth which we thought might be cancer and we prayed much about it. We very often looked in the Bible for comfort and found it. She had the Bible with her whether she was in the kitchen or in the living room. In the latter years she had other symptoms which bothered her which made the condition worse.

We went on a trip in 1926 to Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas which she was able to make in spite of everything. We got to visit all of our relatives which made her very happy and really strengthened her faith. But the growth that she had she could feel more.

On the 12th of January 1934, on the advice of our friends (because she didn't want an operation), we decided to go to Hudson, Wisconsin to see if we could get a doctor's help there. This doctor suggested an operation also and on 16th of January she had the operation. The 22nd of January she got worse so on the 23rd of January we called Dr. Bassinger from Mountain Lake and he went to Wisconsin. We quickly decided to return to Mountain Lake and Dr. Bassinger took her back. She was very happy to go home. When we were almost to Mountain Lake we noticed that she wasn't breathing any more. We hurried to get her to Dr. Bassinger's hospital. Her heart beat for 20 minutes more. The doctor decided that she must have had a slight stroke. She went quietly to sleep. Her prayer was that she might not suffer long from this cancer and her prayer was answered.

Her memory will always continue to be a blessing. She was very conscious of poor people, sick people and those in need. She always had a helping hand for the sick and always gave me good advice. She told me that it would be hard for me after she was gone but I would manage. She knew that she knew the Lord and she was happy to enter into eternal life. She passed away the 24th of January about 1:00 a.m. She reached the age of 56 years, 9 months and 20 days.

She leaves behind her saddened husband, one daughter, one son, one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law, two brothers, two sisters, and many friends. We are saddened by her early death but our sadness is mixed with joy because of the hope that we have that we shall meet again with the Lord where there will never be any more parting.

The Husband and Children