

"...How about Aunt Gertie in her fur coat! She was a feisty little french woman [this was a common family misconception because the Cain's lived in 'frenchtown'] and we got along beautifully.

There were many years I was able to enjoy the family times together that included Uncle Vic and Aunt Gertie. We have some "family jokes" about them, too. They were included Easters at my Aunt Mildred's. Once Uncle Vic took a large bite of what he thought was mashed potatoes but in reality was horseradish for the Easter ham. He almost fell off his chair - it was so sharp.

Because Aunt Gertie was short, she dressed in costume one Halloween and went out trick or treating in the neighborhood. Never recognized at all.

We enjoyed them - and their deaths left a void..."



*Victor and Gertrude enjoying their later years together..*

Robert Cain, a nephew of Gertrude's remembers her as a funny and very generous women.

At one time Gertrude and Victor moved out to Wyoming, where their son Clarence had gone, but Gertrude was very unhappy with the move and missed her family so much they came back to Wisconsin.

By 1920 she was living with her husband at the jail in Forest County, Wisconsin.<sup>48</sup> Victor was sheriff at the time and Gertrude was providing the prisoners with meals.

Gertrude died in Gillett on February 10, 1962, she was 84.<sup>49</sup> She was buried on the 15th in Gillett at the Wanderer's Rest Cemetery.<sup>50</sup>



### **Obituary: Final Rites for Mrs. John Today**

"Mrs. Gertrude John, former Ocontoan, died suddenly Saturday evening at Baraboo.

Mrs. John was born in Oconto, the daughter of the late John and Carrie Cain. She was united in marriage to Victor John in 1887, in Carter, WI. He passed away in 1956. Mrs. John lived in Gillett the past nine years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Gillett, and its Past Matron's club; a past matron of the Crandon chapter, a member of the Gillett Methodist church and the women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

Survivors include two sons, L. W. John, Fresno and Victor John Jr. Saratoga, both of California; three brothers, Milton Cain, Oconto; William, Portland, Oregon; Harry, Milwaukee; a sister, Mrs. Frank (Mildred) Rouseau of Milwaukee; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A son Clarence died in 1954.

Final rites will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Gillett Methodist Church. The Rev. C. V. Dawson will officiate, with burial in Wanderer's Rest cemetery. The Order of the Eastern Star, Gillett, will

