

George Armstrong

Nov. 9, 1895 – August 13, 1962

George Armstrong, Former Monticello Man, Dies Monday

The many Monticello friends of George W. Armstrong, 66, Monroe, formerly of this village, were deeply grieved when they learned of his death, which occurred early Monday morning in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe. He had been ill five months from a malignancy and had undergone surgery.

Came to Monticello in 1917

He was born Nov. 9, 1895, in Beloit, the son of George L. and Phoebe Gorham Armstrong. He received his education in southern Illinois.

In 1917 he came to Monticello and worked as an auto mechanic. In 1921 Mr. Armstrong, Jacob J. Krieg and the late Wilbert S. Hoesly formed a partnership to operate the old service garage, which was destroyed by fire in 1928. The garage was located on the present site of the Monticello North Side Swiss Cheese factory. Mr. Armstrong was married to Florence Zimmerman, Monticello. Both enjoyed the outdoors and it was while on a fishing trip to northern Wisconsin in 1929 that she was suddenly seized with an attack of appendicitis and passed away following surgery.

Upon leaving Monticello, Mr. Armstrong was employed as an automobile mechanic in Albany and for many years in Juda before accepting a position with the sheriff's department.

On Sept. 29, 1951, he was married in Dubuque, Iowa, to Irene Geiger Booth of Monroe.

Retired County Officer

Mr. Armstrong retired in July of last year after nearly 20 years of law enforcement with the county. He became Green county's chief highway policeman in December, 1942, and then chief deputy with the sheriff's department in January, 1951.

Mr. Armstrong was a member of Smith Masonic lodge, Monroe, the American Legion and the VFW. He was a member of the armed services in World War I and was discharged in 1919 following service overseas.

An avid sportsman, Mr. Armstrong's main hobbies were fishing and hunting. A number of years ago he served as president of the Green County Rod and Gun Club (now the Green County Conservation League).

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Stuessy funeral home, Monroe. The Rev. Paul H. Olm, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe, officiated and interment was in Greenwood cemetery.