

Emil Blum

Oct. 12, 1873 - September 1946

Lingering Illness is Fatal to Emil Blum; Rites Held Sunday Esteemed Former School Custodian Dies in Home Friday. Morning

Funeral services for Emil Blum, 72 years of age, well known Monticello resident for nearly 40 years, who passed away early Friday morning at his home here after an illness of several months, were conducted at 1 Sunday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Ed. Blum, Fred A. Blum, John G. Blum, L. R. Pease, C. F. Jordan and Carl Dick.

Ill Since Spring

Mr. Blum, always a robust and active individual, became ill last spring following a fall and a subsequent slight stroke. He failed to regain his strength and his condition became gradually worse as the weeks passed. He became more or less helpless during the last weeks and was in a critical condition for several days before his death early Friday.

A native of Washington township, Mr. Blum was born Oct. 12, 1873, the son of Jacob and Susanna Geisser Blum. On Jan. 15, 1904, he was united in marriage to Margaret Marty, the ceremony taking place in Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Blum lived at New Glarus and Dayton before moving to Monticello 38 years ago. At Dayton they operated a hotel back in the days when that village was a thriving and growing community. For the past 11 years Mr. Blum had served as custodian at the Monticello public schools, resigning last spring when ill health forced him to give up the post.

Giving up his post at the school meant much more to Mr. Blum than merely leaving his work. To him it meant giving up the pleasant hours he spent with the children who attended school. He derived a great deal of pleasure from his association with the youngsters, especially those in the lower grades, each of whom lost a good friend when he passed away. His acquaintances were not limited to the youngsters, however, and his many older friends about the village and vicinity learned of his death with sincere and deep regret.

He was always willing and ready to lend a helping hand, and his knowledge of the water and sewer systems in Monticello was so broad that he was often called upon to help out the street commissioners.

Surviving are the widow; two daughters, Margaret and Delores, at home; two sons, Lawrence, New Glarus, and Ray, Monticello; three grandchildren; and five brothers, Jacob, Evansville, John, New Glarus, Edward, Paoli, Leonard, Monroe, and Peter, Monticello. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.