

**Edward A. Bontly**  
**March 31, 1888 - March 14, 1969**

**Edward A. Bontly, Age 80, Dies Friday; Rites Held Tuesday**

Funeral services for Edward A. Bontly, 80 years of age, a native of Washington township and resident of Monticello for more than 25 years, who died at 1:55 Friday afternoon at the Monroe Manor, were held at 2 Tuesday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Matt Bissig, Albert Crouch, Arthur Studer, Sr., Monticello, A. W. Becker, Walter E. Marty, and Adam A. Schuler, Madison. Masonic services were conducted at 8 p.m. Monday in the church Memorial Lounge.

Mr. Bontly had resided at the Monroe Manor for the past several months. He had recently been hospitalized for minor surgery, and his death came very unexpectedly.

Born on the Bontly homestead farm in Washington township on March 31, 1888, he was the son of Andrew and Mary Babler Bontly. He attended the Marty rural school. On March 12, 1908, he was united in marriage to Lena V. Schuler, the ceremony taking place in the Fred S. Blum home here. They farmed for a number of years and in the 1920's he was associated in the Monticello Auto Co. here with Henry Freitag and Edward Kundert. After disposing of his interest in the automobile business, Mr. and Mrs. Bontly returned to the farm and later retired to the village in 1942. Mrs. Bontly died Sept. 21, 1961, and he continued to live in their home here until last year when he sold it and was hospitalized for a time before going to the Monroe Manor.

Mr. Bontly was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ here, the Monticello Masonic lodge, and the New Glarus chapter.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Lillian Bast, Minneapolis, Minn., and nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Jacob and Wilbert, and two sisters, Marie, and Mrs. Rosa Marty.