

**Wilbert D. (Dude) Elmer**  
**May 29, 1898 - March 26, 1973**

A lifelong Monticello resident, Wilbert D. (Dude) Elmer, 74, died unexpectedly at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 26, in St. Clare Hospital. He had been admitted at 4:45 a.m. that day and was in intensive care.

He was owner and operator of a mink ranch at the northwest edge of Monticello since 1940. Prior to that he had worked at Arn & Zweifel cold storage facilities.

He was born in Monticello May 29, 1898, a son of Jacob H. and Katharine Widmer Elmer and attended Monticello High School. During World War I, he had military training in the SATC program at Camp Randall, Madison. On Feb. 14, 1930, he was married in Freeport, Ill., to Lucille Freitag.

Mr. Elmer was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, United Mink Producers Assn. and the Mutation Mink Breeders Assn.

Surviving are his widow, Lucille; two daughters, Mrs. Irving J. (Jeanne) Kubly, Monticello, and Miss Kathleen, at home; four brothers, Henry J., John C. and Arnold, all of Monticello, and Herman W., New Glarus, and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, July 1936; his mother, July 27, 1938, and four brothers, one in infancy; Fred, August 1956; Jacob Jr. (Tommy) April 1960, and Marcus, September 1970.

Funeral services for Mr. Elmer will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, in Zwingli United Church of Christ with his pastor, Rev. Charles G. Workman officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and in the Church Sanctuary after 11 a.m. Thursday.

Voegeli Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.