

## **Edward D. Frautschy**

**March 27, 1870 – December 3, 1937**

### **Conduct Last Rites For Former Citizen Of Monticello Area E. D. Frautschy, Aged 67, Called; Washington Native**

Funeral services for Edward D. Frautschy, widely known and highly esteemed life-long Green county resident, who passed away at the age of 67 years at his home 2002 Eleventh street, Monroe, Friday night following an illness of only 24 hours, were held at the Shriner Neuenschwander funeral home in Monroe, at 2 Monday afternoon. Rev. Alvin C. Rabehl, of the Immanuel Evangelical church, officiated and interment was in Greenwood cemetery, Monroe.

Striking with sudden and unexpected force Mr. Frautschy was overtaken with a cerebral hemorrhage while at work in his studio Thursday evening. Mrs. Frautschy was with him in the studio at the time of the unfortunate incident; which was believed to have been brought about by the long hours Mr. Frautschy had been spending with his holiday work. He was taken to his home by the Monroe Legion ambulance that evening and he continued unconscious until the end came the following evening.

#### **Native of Washington Twp.**

Edward D. Frautschy was a native of Washington township, having been born March 27, 1870, the son of John and Mary Isely Frautschy. On Dec. 4, 1894, he was united in marriage to Elvira Tone, who passed away Nov. 1, 1914. This union was blessed by three children, one daughter and two sons. On July 1, 1916, he was married to Marie Zumkehr, the ceremony taking place in Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Frautschy first became interested in his profession by outdoor camera work while on the farm where he was born, having had particularly good luck taking shots of cattle and objects about the farm. For a number of years he was located in Monticello where he maintained studios in the home now owned by S. W. Grenzow, and later on the second floor of Peoples Supply Company store.

For some time he farmed just west of town on the farm now owned by Herman G. Karlen. His fine work in Monticello brought people from all parts of the county and he eventually moved his studio to Monroe. He was a familiar figure at community gatherings in all parts of the county and took snap shots of countless community functions.

In recent years Mr. Frautschy gained professional recognition by election as president of the South Central Photographers' association, having been elevated to that office in 1933 after serving for a year as association treasurer.

#### **Highly Esteemed Citizen**

Mr. Frautschy was widely known throughout this part of the state, people coming to his studio from miles around to pose for photographs. His passing from our midst occasioned sincere regret among his large number of friends and acquaintances. Always of a jovial disposition, Mr. Frautschy had established himself as one of the best liked men in the communities in which he lived. He was known for his unquestioned honesty and indelible character.

Survivors, besides the bereaved widow, are one daughter, Mrs. Harold W. Gordon, Monroe, one son, Merle Frautschy, Albany, one grandchild, two brothers, John Frautschy, Clarno, and Christ, Orangeville, two sisters, Mrs. John U. Kubly and Mrs. Fred Trumpy, both of Monroe. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Fred and Jacob, and one son, Leland, who passed away in infancy.

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