

Jacob M. Freitag
Dec. 2, 1887 – October 5, 1963

J. M. Freitag, Age 75, Dies Saturday; Rites Held Here Tuesday

Funeral services for J. M. Freitag, 75 years of age, who died Saturday morning in his room in the Grand Central hotel here, were held at 2 Tuesday afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ,

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery, with Masonic rites at the graveside. Pallbearers were Hugo Gmur, John Gmur, and Henry J. Stuessy, New Glarus, Robert Buehl, Ernest Schuerch and Louis Wyss.

Mr. Freitag had been a resident of the Grand Central hotel since 1960. He had been afflicted with a heart ailment for some time. When he failed to make an appearance at his usual time, hotel personnel investigated and discovered his body. Green county Coroner Richard Wagner investigated and ruled death due to a heart attack.

He was born in New Glarus township Dec. 2, 1887, the son of Jacob and Verena Ruegg Freitag. He attended the Voegeli rural school. On Dec. 9, 1909, he was united in marriage to Mary Zentner, the ceremony taking place in Monticello. They resided on the Freitag homestead farm, northwest of Monticello, until 1935, when they moved to a home near Monticello. Upon retiring from farming, he spent a few years with the Illinois Central Railroad as a road employee, and later worked a short time for the Monticello street department.

He was treasurer of the Voegeli school district for many years, He was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ and of the Monticello Union lodge No, 155, and the New Glarus chapter.

J. M. was an established figure on Main street during the past number of years, and news of his sudden death was received with deep regret by his friends about the village and community,

He is survived by three sons, Marvin J. and Karl H., Monticello, and Howard, Beloit; two brothers, J. U. Freitag and Henry H. Freitag, New Glarus; and three grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Jan. 28, 1938, one son, Elmer, in infancy in 1924, two sisters, Mrs, Euphemia Urben, Madison, and Mrs. Barbara Duerst, New Glarus,