

Rufus Thomas Dietrich Freitag

April 14, 1907 - Oct 23, 1973

Rufus Freitag Services Held

Death came Tuesday, Oct 23, 1973, to Rufus T. D. Freitag, in Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Freitag, 67, was born in Washington township, a short distance northwest of Monticello, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nic Freitag.

He was graduated from the Monticello high school and was a 1928 graduate of the College of Agriculture of Cornell University. He later studied in Zurich, Switzerland, and at Harvard University Graduate School.

Mr. Freitag and the former Mary Bess Herrich, Farmer City, Ill. were married in October, 1933, in the home of her parents.

Mr. Freitag joined Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 1929, and worked mainly in the Champaign, Ill, farm loan office until 1943, at which time he served in the U.S. Navy until 1946. In 1947 he became mortgage loan regional manager for NML in Los Angeles, a position from which he retired in 1970.

Through Mr. Freitag's efforts, NML was persuaded to make farm loans in irrigated areas of the Far West, and in 1955 NML, again through Mr. Freitag's efforts, opened a farm loan office in Visalia, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bess; two daughters, Mrs. David (Elsbeth) Lame, South Pasadena, Calif, and Mrs. Clyde (Barbara) McPhee, Wichita Falls, Texas; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. C. F. Sammond, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Gail Fisher, Champaign, Ill.

Funeral services were held at St. Edmunds Episcopal church, San Marino, Calif. on Thursday at 2 p.m. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Highland cemetery, Monticello.