

John Gatermann

Jan. 12, 1865 - July 3, 1945

Rev. J. Gatermann, 80, Retired Pastor, Dies Tuesday Nite Rites to be Held Friday P. M. at Zwingli Church In Monticello

The Rev. John Gatermann, 80 years of age, retired pastor of Evangelical and Reformed churches, passed away at his home here at about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening following an illness of several months, the last four or five weeks of which he was bedfast.

Mr. Gatermann had been in failing health when he returned to Monticello about two months ago upon the death of Mrs. Gatermann and he failed to gain strength as time elapsed.

John Gatermann was born on a farm in the town of Newton, Manitowoc county, Jan. 12, 1865. At the age of 17 years he entered the Mission House at Franklin to prepare for a career in the ministry, and graduated from the seminary in 1896. Mr. Gatermann was united in marriage to Emma Heuer July 8, 1896. In this year he was ordained in his first charge at Garner, Iowa, which he served for 11 years. He then accepted a call from the Home Mission to go to Marengo, Iowa, where he remained two years. The next seven years were spent at Wheatland, Iowa, following which the Rev. and Mrs. Gatermann returned to the Mission House to serve as house parents. Several years later they moved to Hosmer, S. D. Later they returned to Wisconsin to serve as a missionary-at-large among the Swiss people in the southern part of the state, Here a congregation was organized in Albany and one in Barneveld during the years 1921-27,

In 1927 he received an urgent call from Immanuel church near the Mission House, which he accepted and served for about 10 years. In 1937 he retired at the age of 73 years and moved to Monticello. Although retired, Mr. Gatermann received many calls to serve as a supply pastor and served two summers in Tulare, S. D., and three winters at Reddick, Fla,

A kindly, understanding gentleman, Rev. Gatermann was highly respected by his many friends and his loss will be deeply felt by the many congregations which he so ably served during his long and devoted career in the ministry.

Rev. Gatermann is survived by a brother, William, Manitowoc, a sister in Sheboygan and a sister in Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held at 2 Friday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here, the Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiating, assisted by Dr. Paul Grossheusch, president of the Mission House Burial will be in Highland cemetery.