

**Dr. John M. Harden, 51,  
Dies of Sudden Heart Attack Monday  
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Striking with a lightning-like suddenness which stunned the entire community and plunged it into sadness and deep despair, death claimed Dr. John M. Harden, 51 years of age, widely known Osteopathic physician, at approximately 2:15 Monday afternoon at his home in Monticello. Dr. Harden rested briefly following his usual noon lunch but apparently became ill while later treating a patient. Upon bidding farewell to the patient, he returned to the privacy of his home, sat down, and died without uttering any complaint of not feeling well.

Death was attributed to a sudden heart attack.

**Funeral Services Thursday**

Funeral services will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ here. The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers will be Arthur Escher, Fred Escher, Dr. C. J. Klooster, Darrell Piette, Paul E. Voegeli, C. M. Wittenwyler, Dr. R. A. Woodruff and Dwight Zweifel.

**Country Doctor**

The sudden passing of Dr. Harden, bringing with it a feeling of utter emptiness and remorse among his hordes of friends in the community, recalls the oft repeated reference to 'him as the "country doctor." He acquired this admirable and well justified distinction and reference through a deeply founded knowledge of his profession and a glowing, warm personality.

His friendly, buoyant disposition earned for him the deep and lasting respect of all who knew him, and news of his death was received with deep regret and despair by the throngs of friends whom he numbered among his acquaintances.

"Doc" will be deeply missed, not only by his family and loved ones, but by everyone who knew him.

**Sports Fan**

An enthusiastic sports fan, Dr. Harden rarely missed any Monticello basketball game or other sporting event. He enjoyed fishing and hunting as his favorite past times.

**Native of Indiana**

John M. Harden was born Jan. 13, 1909, in Wabash, Ind., the son of James N. and Margaret Chambers Harden. He graduated from high school in Wabash and acquired a pre-medical course at Kirksville (Mo.) State Teachers college. He graduated from the Kirksville College of Osteopathy in 1936.

On Aug. 11, 1932, he was united in marriage to Yvonne Wood, the ceremony taking place in Mt. Sterling, Ill. Upon receiving his degree, Dr. Harden practiced his profession at Greenwood, N. C., for three years. Dr. Harden began the practice of osteopathy in Monticello in 1939.



Dr. Harden was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ. He was a member of Monticello Masonic lodge No. 155, and of the Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians. He served as a member of the Monticello board of education for many years, completing his last term last year.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Otto F. Puempel, Kirksville, Mo., who had just been in Monticello over the past week-end and had returned to Kirksville Sunday; one son, John, who will be a senior at the Monticello high school next fall; two brothers, James Harden, Owensboro, Ky., and Virgil Harden, Kennewich, Wash; and three sisters, Mrs; E. L. Price, Stanton, Calif, Mrs. Clifford Robertson, Owensboro, Ky., and Mrs. James Neighbors, Augusta, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents.