

Fred A. Karlen

March 15, 1890 - September 7, 1967

Fred A. Karlen, Monticello, 77, Taken by Death Services To Be Held on Monday At Area Church

MONTICELLO — An apparent heart attack caused the unexpected death of Fred A. Karlen, 77, Monticello, about noon yesterday on his farm in Washington Township. Although Mr. Karlen had retired to the village in 1954, he enjoyed making daily trips to the country and assisting with the farm work.

When Mr. Karlen failed to return home for lunch, his wife telephoned the farm. A short search by Mrs. Alvin H. Bernet found Mr. Karlen, who had been stricken, near one of the small buildings.

Green County Coroner Richard Wagner ruled death was from natural causes. No inquest will be held.

Mr. Karlen was born on the Karlen homestead farm in Washington Township, 3 1/2 miles west of Monticello, on March 15, 1890, a son of Rudolph and Louisa M. Klossner Karlen. He graduated from Monticello High School and attended Madison Business College when it was the 4-C school. He studied music in Chicago and was an accomplished cornet player.

As a younger man, he farmed the home place with his brother, William. In the late 1920's he went to Montana and was a rancher with his brother, Jacob. He returned to Wisconsin in the 1930's and purchased the home place.

He and Susan Durst of New Glarus were married Dec. 28, 1935 in the Reformed Church in Freeport.

Mr. Karlen was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ. He was an avid sports fan.

Surviving are his widow and two sisters, Miss Hulda Karlen, Monticello, and Mrs. Jacob Thompson, San Bernardino, Calif.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ernest, Jacob, William, and Herman L. Karlen; two sisters, Mrs Louise Elmer and a twin sister in infancy, as well as the parents.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday (Sept. 11) in Zwingli Church. His pastor, Rev. J. Allen Mittler, is to officiate. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Voegeli Funeral Home after 2 p.m. on Sunday (Sept. 10).