

John Loeffel

July 31, 1890 – June 14, 1951

John Loeffel, Well Known Sports Fan, Expires; Rites Held Local Man Dies Thursday, Night in Home After Lingering Illness

Funeral services for John Loeffel, 60 years of age, well known and esteemed Monticello resident for the past five years, who passed away at his home on Monroe street at 11:30 Thursday night, were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. Howard L. Orians, pastor of the Immanuel Evangelical church, Monroe, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Milton Brecklien, Sam Ludwig, Albert Witt, Conrad Elmer, Monroe, Joe Blumer and John Wittwer, Monticello.

Mr. Loeffel had been in failing health for the past year and was hospitalized for brief periods on many occasions during that time. He grew gradually weaker during the past several months, but despite his critical condition he never gave up hope. In spite of severe physical pain during the last days, John rarely complained, a typical factor of John's character and disposition.

Keen Sports Fan

An enthusiastic sports fan, John undoubtedly played as much or more baseball than any other individual in local diamond circles. When his competitive days were ended, one usually saw John at the ball diamond, either in the role of umpire, spectator or at a coaching position. In the latter role he was always clad in a badly worn baseball uniform that included various rips and tears bearing the seal of the keen competitor that he was in his playing days.

It was only five years ago that John was pressed into service as a player when the Monticello team was short handed for a Home Talent play-off game at Pardeeville, and he once again demonstrated his great competitive spirit.

Mr. Loeffel also had a keen interest for basketball and bowling.

During the many years in which he played ball in Green county, Mr. Loeffel was looked upon as a good sportsman and clean competitor. He acquired a great many friends and news of his death was received with deep and sincere regret. John will be deeply missed, not only by his many Monticello friends, but by acquaintances throughout this entire section.

John Loeffel was born in Buckskin Hollow Jordan township, July 31, 1890, the son of Fred and Mary Voegeli Loeffel. His father was an early Green county cheesemaker. On Nov. 22, 1913, he was united in marriage to Martha Golz, the ceremony taking place in the Dutch Hollow Evangelical church. They farmed in Dutch Hollow for 25 years and also operated the former Persons farm, northeast of Monticello, for a number of years. In 1946 they moved to Monticello to make their home, Mr. Loeffel being employed at the Kubly tavern until illness forced him to discontinue working.

Surviving are his wife; his mother, Mrs. Mary Loeffel, Albany; six daughters, Mrs. Chester Ladwig, Mrs. Wallace Miller, Mrs. Ervin Coplien, and Mrs. Lester Witt, Monroe, Mrs. Fritz Schild, Clarno, and Miss Frances, at home; four sons, Armin, Monticello, Edward, Darlington, Manuel Monroe and Pfc. Harvey Loeffel Fort Hood, Tex.; seven sisters, Miss Elsie Loeffel, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Leonard Smout, Brooklyn, Mrs. O. D. Grenawalt, Albany, Mrs. William Marnitz, Mrs. Ade Schlomovitz, Milwaukee, Mrs. Rose Rieser, Chicago, and Miss Julia Loeffel, Madison; two brothers, Fred and Albert, Albany; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and an infant daughter in 1938.