

Merlyn L. Schmid
Feb. 12, 1909 –January 25, 1952

Merlyn Schmid, 42, Expires; Rites Held Here Monday P.M.
Esteemed Local Man Dies Friday from Cerebral Hemorrhage

Monticello and the surrounding community was plunged into sadness when at 10 Friday morning death claimed Merlyn L. Schmid, 42 years of age, well known and esteemed Monticello resident.

Mr. Schmid's untimely death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been seriously ill at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, since Jan. 7th.

A native of the Dutch Hollow community, southeast of Monticello, he was born Feb. 12, 1909, the son of Fred and Katherine Walmer Schmid. He attended the Dutch Hollow rural school. On Feb. 17, 1930, he was united in marriage to Gertrude Affolter, the ceremony taking place in Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Schmid farmed in Dutch Hollow for a short time, then moved to a farm near Beloit, and later operated a farm a few miles northwest of Monticello. They moved to the village in 1934. Mr. Schmid was employed by the Klassy Milling company for some time and for the past 10 years or more he had served as local bulk plant manager for the Badger Petroleum company.

He was a confirmed member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. He was an active member of the Monticello Volunteer Fire department for quite a number of years and was a member of the Monticello Boy Scout troop committee.

Sterling Character

Merlyn's sterling character and unquestionable honesty earned him the admirable respect and deep friendship of all who knew him. A keen sense of humor and an unusually buoyant disposition were but two of his well known qualities. News of Mr. Schmid's death was received with deep regret by his many friends throughout the community. Merlyn will be deeply missed, not only by his older friends, but by members of the Boy Scout troop, who came to look upon him as a dependable counselor and by his very presence an inspiration to them.

An avid outdoors-man, Merlyn spent many happy hours pursuing his favorite outdoor activities —fishing and hunting, and his companions in these two fields of recreation always regarded him as a true sportsman.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Cpl. Eugene, who was flown home from Germany on an emergency furlough, and John, at home; his parents, Albany; and one brother, Ivan F., Albany.

Funeral Monday

Funeral services were held at 2 Monday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, with the Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiating. Members of the Monticello Fire department and the Boy Scout troop attended in a body. Burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Jones, Leroy Peterson and John Affolter, Juda, Edwin Affolter, Oconto, Robert Kleckner, McConnell, Ill, Robert Jones, Rockford, Ill, Frank Searles, Brodhead, and Henry J. Steussy, New Glarus.