

Christian M. Stauffer

May 25, 1896 – Oct 15, 1963

Green County Assemblyman Christ M. Stauffer, 67, Monticello, serving his fourth term in the Assembly, died in St. Clare hospital at 8:30 last night, Oct 15, 1963. He entered St. Clare at 8:20 a.m. yesterday about an hour after he became ill following another stroke in his Monticello home.

Mr. Stauffer was hospitalized several times since he suffered his first heart attack on Oct. 6, 1962. This had since curtailed his being active in Assembly sessions.

Services will be held at 2 pm. Friday in the Zwingli United Church of Christ with Rev. J. Allan Mittler officiating. Burial will be in Highland cemetery.

Friends may call at the Voegeli funeral home after 2 pm. tomorrow.

Mr. Stauffer was prominent in civic, church and Masonic circles in his own community and throughout a widespread area. In September of 1962, he received the 33rd Masonic Degree in ceremonies in Philadelphia.

He had served Monticello Village in many ways: as village president for 16 years, as fire chief for 20 years and president of the board of education for 14 years.

Mr. Stauffer's resignation as superintendent of Zwingli United Church of Christ Sunday school and as teacher of the Adult Bible Class was effective Nov. 1, 1962. He had served as Sunday school superintendent for 38 years, having been elected in 1924. He had perfect attendance awards for more than 40 years.

He was active in the Zwingli church for half a century, serving on the Consistory and as a delegate to many events, He was a member of the site selection committee for the Home of the Aged to be built in New Glarus.

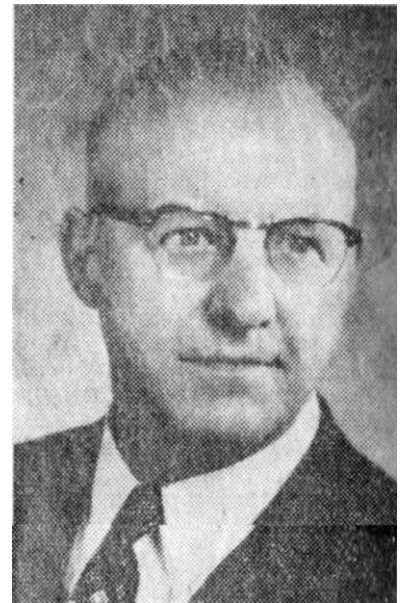
During interim pastorates, 1959-60, he was in charge of the confirmation class. For many years he was lay minister in his own and area churches.

Mr. Stauffer had served as vice president of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities for three years. He was a former chairman of the Green County School Committee, named by the County Board, and served on the county Selective Service Board for two years. He was a past Cheese Day chairman.

In Masonic circles, he had headed the York Rite bodies, had been most wise master of the Rose Croix Chapter of Madison, as well as high priest of the chapter, thrice illustrious master of the Council, commander of the Commandery, and chaplain of Zor Shrine. He was a past master of the Monticello Masonic lodge and a member of the Eastern Star chapter.

He was a past commander of the Monticello American Legion Post.

In his last term in the Assembly, he was vice chairman of the agriculture committee, member of the committee on commerce and manufacturers, and chairman of the Assembly committee on third reading of bills.



He first sought the Assembly office in November, 1956 and had completed three full terms. He was reelected for a fourth time Nov. 6, 1962.

Mr. Stauffer was born May 25, 1896, on the family farm, two miles south of Monticello, the son of Jacob and Kathryn ZumBrunnen Stauffer. He attended Monticello schools and farmed in partnership with a brother until entering World War I service. He was inducted May 24, 1918, and served as a wagoner with a unit supply company until his discharge Feb. 17, 1919.

He and Ellen Ott were married March 29, 1921, in New Glarus.

For 37 years Mr. Stauffer owned and operated a black smith and welding shop in Monticello, retiring in March 1956. His shop was a village landmark for 75 years. It was razed April 1, 1956 to make way for a modern garage addition.

In April, 1936, Mr. Stauffer was given nationwide publicity through the Associated Press for holding a record as a multiple office holder in his community.

He is surviving by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Leach, Chicago; two brothers, Fred and Jacob Stauffer, both of Monticello, and three sisters, Misses Rose and Kate Stauffer, Monticello, and Mrs. Anna Gempeler, Footville.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Miss Emilie, Feb. 25, 1954; Mrs. Emma Gempeler, Dec. 11, 1960, and Mrs. Lena Taylor, April 11, 1961. His father died Aug. 6, 1914, and his mother, Oct. 20, 1947.

— Services for Green County Assemblyman C. M. Stauffer, 67, who died Tuesday night, were held at 2 this afternoon in Zwingli United Church where he had been a lifelong member, Sunday school superintendent for 38 years, Consistory member and lay pastor.

Rev. J. Allan Mittler officiated. Burial was in Highland cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Wilbert J. Dick, John C. Elmer, W. D. Elmer, C. W. Karlen and M. E. Lynn, all of Monticello, and Oscar N. Johnson, Monroe.

Honorary pallbearers were R. W. Karlen, L. R. Pease, Emil G. Voegeli, R. W. Woelffer Sr. and R. H. Schoonover, the latter of Madison.

Masonic rites were conducted last night at the Voegeli funeral home. Elective officials of the county were among those attending the rites today.