

John J. Voegeli

Nov. 29, 1885 – April 23, 1954

Rites Held Monday For John J. Voegeli, Esteemed Local Man

Funeral services for John J. (Jack) Voegeli, 68 years of age, who passed away at 4 Friday afternoon in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, following two years of failing health, were held at 2 Monday afternoon at the Voegeli funeral home.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred H. Voegeli, Joe J. Voegeli, William A. Voegeli, John Wittenwyler, Monticello, Jacob Voegeli, Belleville, and Raymond Voegely, Monroe.

Pioneer Auto Dealer Here

Mr. Voegeli was born in Dane county Nov. 29, 1885, the son of Baltz and Rose Figi Voegeli. Mr. Voegeli was the first automobile dealer in Monticello, acquiring the Ford agency in 1910 as a part-time business while he was operating the Monticello livery business. A short time later he became associated in the automobile business with the late Fred P. Marty in Monticello. Together they built what is now the Krieg & Zurbuchen garage building, and were agents for the Buick, Ford and Oakland lines of automobiles for some time.

After disposing of their business here, Messrs. Voegeli and Marty established the Cedar Valley Nash company at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There they were distributors of Nash cars in several surrounding counties.

For the past 20 years "Jack" was district representative for an oil heating furnace company and also operated in Monticello as a heating contractor.

A proficient and exacting workman, Jack installed many heating plants in homes and business places in Monticello and the surrounding community.

Accomplished Musician

An accomplished musician, Mr. Voegeli played the clarinet in many orchestras and bands in this area during his long musical career. He played with a number of the early dance orchestras and was a charter member of the Monroe Park Band. He formerly played with the Oconomowoc American Legion band. One of Jack's favorite stories concerning his work in music was the time he had an opportunity to become a member of the famous Ringling Brothers circus band when he was just a young man.

Through his, many years in business circles and with music, Mr. Voegeli acquired a great many friends, all of whom learned of his death with deep and sincere regret. A jovial, good natured individual, Jack was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He will be missed a great deal.

During World War II he was a member of the Green county ration board,

Surviving are his mother and four brothers, Leon A. and Emil G., Monticello, Alfred, Monroe, and Edward, River Forest, Ill.