

Rites Held Monday For Herman Wirth, Long Illness Victim
Village Marshal Here for 15 Years Dies in Home Thursday Night
1894 – 1949

Funeral services for Herman J. Wirth, 55 years of age, village marshal here for 15 years, who passed away at his home on South Main street at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening following a period of failing health which had its inception three years ago, were held at 2 Monday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers were M. McDonald and Arnold Teubert, Janesville, E. G. Voegeli, Fred Escher, Wilbert J. Dick and Adam Schuler, Monticello.

Suffered Many Months

Mr. Wirth was the unfortunate victim of a throat ailment which failed to yield to treatment. He submitted to an operation then and his condition gradually improved for quite some time. The ailment reoccurred, however, and he became worse as the months went by. His condition was such that he was forced to retire as village marshal last winter and since then he had suffered tremendous pain and agony. He was a hospital patient on several occasions during the past number of months.

Born at Hanover

Herman J. Wirth was born at Hanover, Rock county, July 19, 1894, the son of John and Anne Babler Wirth. He attended school in Rock county and in Janesville. On Feb. 22, 1923, he was united in marriage to Emma Elmer, the ceremony taking place in Belleville. He had always lived in Monticello after his marriage. He was employed at the Karlen & Sons Ford garage here for some time and carried mail from the depots to the Monticello post office for 15 years before taking over the post of village marshal, which he served with honor and distinction.

Mr. Wirth was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Will be Missed

The death of Mr. Wirth, which culminated his long and painful illness has left his many friends and acquaintances deeply grieved. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A familiar figure in his officer's uniform, he gained the respect and friendship of hundreds of people of the community. His pride in his work was justified by his devotion to the position which he handled with a respected dignity for so many years.

Handicapped by the loss of an arm at the tender age of 14, Herman carried on with tremendous courage and ambition. He was no quitter and asked no favors, even in the face of his misfortune. An ambitious and energetic individual, he worked on many odd jobs in addition to his duties as law officer.

Surviving are the wife; three sons, Cecil F., Long Island, New York, Lt. LeRoy Carl, U. S. Marines, Oceanside, Calif., and Dick, Janosville; three brothers, Ernest and Leslie, Janesville, and William, Madison; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Blum and Mrs. Anna Dickerson, Janesville, and one grandchild, Diane.

He was preceded in death by a son in infancy and a sister in infancy.