

## **Peter John Zimmerman**

**May 6, 1865 – May 26, 1950**

### **Peter Zimmerman, 85, Monticello, is Called; Rites Held Street Commissioner Here Many Years Dies After Long Illness**

Funeral services for Peter J. Zimmerman, lifelong resident of Green county and street commissioner in Monticello for many years, who passed away at 4:20 p.m. Friday in his home here at the age of 85 years, were held at 2 Monday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated, and burial, with Masonic rites, was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Wilbert J. Dick, Henry J. Elmer, Albert Knobel, L. R. Pease, H. A. Walters and W. L. Wichser.

### **Failing Health Many Years**

Mr. Zimmerman had been in failing health for seven or eight years and had been in critical condition since Christmas. Old age complications were fatal.

Peter John Zimmerman was born in Monroe, May 6, 1865, the son of Peter and Annie Zimmerman. He attended rural schools of that area. He was married in Monroe Aug. 18, 1890, to Louise Kafer. They made their home in Monroe until 1904, at which time they moved to a farm southeast of Monticello, now known as the John Pluss farm. Leaving there, they operated a farm near the woolen mills until 1917. Moving to Monticello, Mr. Zimmerman accepted a job as street commissioner, which he held until 1938, when he was forced to retire because of injuries he received when struck by a car while removing gates from the dam at the Main street bridge at night.

Mr. Zimmerman undoubtedly possessed a greater knowledge of the whereabouts of every sewer and water main and water pipe connection in Monticello than any other person. During his many years of faithful service to the village he acquired a great many close friends, all of whom learned of his death with deep regret. A quiet, soft-spoken individual, Mr. Zimmerman acquired the lasting friendship and utmost respect of all who knew him.

During the early years of his employment with the village, "Pete," as he was familiarly referred to by his many friends, drove a team of large draft horses while carrying out his duties as street commissioner. In later years he graduated to a truck which had been converted from an old touring car.

Mr. Zimmerman was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Surviving are the widow; one son, Ray, Gratiot; a sister, Mrs. Rose Zwickey, Albany; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Florence Armstrong, in 1930, a son, Glenn, in 1944, a two sisters, Mrs. Michael Moser and Mrs. Edgar, and one brother, Rudy Zimmerman, Monticello.