

John Zurkirchen
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Rites Held for John Zurkirchen, Age 57
New Glarus Hotel Owner Dies Suddenly After Shoveling Snow

New Glarus—John Zurkirchen, aged 57, proprietor of the New Glarus hotel since 1945, died last Thursday night, apparently of a heart attack, a number of miles southeast of Monticello.

Mr. Zurkirchen was enroute to the home of a friend near Albany, when his car became stalled in snow. Reaching a nearby farm house, Mr. Zurkirchen called his friend by telephone and shortly thereafter he collapsed. He was pronounced dead by an Albany physician.

A native of Switzerland, he came to Monroe at the age of 25. He operated a cheese factory equipment store there and later took up cheesemaking. He was maker at the White Oak factory, a number of miles west of Monticello, before moving to New Glarus to operate the hotel. He was a member of the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed church.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Robert and Edwin; three daughters, Helen, Ruth and Mildred, all at home; and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Buholzer, Monroe.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed church with the Rev. W. J. Stuckey, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.