

Harvey Earle Elmer

May 9, 1933 – November 10, 1954

Rites Held Saturday For Harvey Earle Elmer; Aged 21

Funeral services for Harvey Earle Elmer, 21-year-old Mt. Pleasant township resident, who took his own life on Wednesday night of last week after wounding his estranged wife, were held at 2 Saturday afternoon at the Elmer home. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Donald Babler, Willis J. Marty, Janesville; Ronald Elmer, Richard Hefty and Donald Schuler, Madison; Royal Karlen, Jr., and Norman and Marvin Marty.

He was born in Monroe May 9, 1933, the son of Harvey Earl and Gladys Freitag Elmer. He graduated from the Monticello high school in 1951.

Harvey was one of the outstanding basketball players in the history of the Monticello high school, He also excelled in baseball.

On Feb. 28, 1954, he was united in marriage to Joan Olson, South Wayne, the ceremony taking place in the Wiota church.

Elmer was a member of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H club for 12 years. He served in the U. S. army for seven months.

He farmed and lived with his parents on the Elmer farm, approximately five miles southeast of Monticello.

He is survived by his parents and four sisters, Mrs. Milo Thurston and Miss Dawn Elmer, Madison; Mrs. LaVerne Lederman, Brodhead and Miss Jenny Elmer, Monroe.

In Critical Condition

Elmer shot and critically wounded his 20-year-old estranged wife at about 7:30 last week Wednesday night in Spring Square, directly behind the police station in Monroe. The weapon used was a sawed off .22 caliber rifle, which he later used to end his life at the Elmer farm.

Mrs. David H. Miller, who was with Mrs. Elmer, told authorities that Elmer and his wife had arranged to meet at the place of the shooting. When she refused his attentions, Elmer shot her three times, Mrs. Miller said. Two of the bullets' struck the head and another hit her hand. She was rushed to the St. Clare hospital, where authorities called her condition critical. Later in the week doctors reported that her condition was slightly improved but remained critical.