

Henry J. Elmer

MONTICELLO — Henry J. Elmer, 93, formerly of Monticello, died at 10:21 am. Sunday, June 22, 1986, at Pleasant View Nursing Home. He was known in the area as "Grocery Hank" Elmer.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Monticello, born June 3, 1893, the son of Jacob H. and Katherine (Widmer) Elmer. He married the former Rena E. Pease Jan. 7, 1915, in the former German Reformed Church parsonage in Monticello. They were honored at an open house in 1985 for their 70th wedding anniversary.

After their marriage, Mr. Elmer operated a livery stable in Monticello and also farmed. In 1922, he began employment as a clerk at the Peoples Supply Co., a general store in Monticello. He was employed there for 45 years, retiring in 1967 when the business was known as Blum's Grocery Store.

Survivors include his wife, Rena, a resident of the Rowin Rest Home in Albany; a brother, Arnold Elmer, Monticello; two nieces whom they raised, Mrs. Merlyn (Helen) Loveland, Monroe; and Mrs. Iris Dahms, Lancaster; and other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Edward, 1907; Fred, 1956; Jacob Jr. (Tommy), 1960; Marcus, 1970; Wilbert D., 1973; Herman W., 1976; and John C., May 26 of this year. Mr. Elmer was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, a past master and 61-year member of the New Glarus Masonic Lodge No. 310 and a 25-year member of the Monticello Fire Department. He had served several terms as a Monticello village trustee.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am. Wednesday in Zwingli United Church of Christ. The Rev. Erwin H. Pegel will officiate. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Visitation will be after 5 pm. today at the Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge, where Masonic services will be held at 8 pm, and after 9 am. Wednesday in the church sanctuary until the time of services.

Voegeli Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.