

John C. Elmer
Oct. 27, 1892 – Sept. 1953

John C. Elmer, 60, Succumbs Suddenly From Heart Attack

Striking with a lightning-like suddenness, which plunged the entire community into sadness, a sudden heart attack claimed the life of John C. Elmer shortly before 6 p. m. Monday at his home on South Main street.

Mr. Elmer was 60 years of age at the time of his death.

In Good Spirits

“Jack,” as he was always referred to, had, appeared in his usual good spirits during the afternoon as he mingled with his friends in the business district. He returned home at approximately 5:30 p. m., sat in his favorite easy chair with his newspaper for a bit of relaxation, as was his custom. When he failed to answer a matter which Mrs. Elmer had brought to his attention, she discovered that he had suddenly passed away.

Life-Long Resident

A life-long resident of Monticello, Mr. Elmer was born on the Elmer homestead farm at the southeast edge of the village on Oct. 27, 1892, the son of Henry C. and Anna Rhyner Elmer. He attended the Monticello grade and high schools and Mission House college, Franklin. On Jan. 3, 1924, he was united in marriage to Clara Wittenwyler. They operated the Elmer farm until 1947, when they retired and turned the operation of the farm over to their only son, Willis H., who represents the fourth generation as operator there.

Mr. Elmer's death found his many friends throughout the community deeply grieved. He possessed the wholesome faculty of viewing situations, no matter how serious, in a lighter vein, and his buoyant, good natured disposition won him the sincere respect of all who knew him. He will be missed a great deal by his friends and family.

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

Surviving besides his wife and son are two granddaughters, Mary Kay and Carol Faye Elmer; and two sisters, Mrs. Edward Schlittler and Mrs. A. M. Hefty, both of Monticello. He was preceded in death by one son, Leon, in 1927 at the age of 2½ years; and one brother in infancy.

NOTE: He is interred in Highland cemetery.