

Henry F. Freitag, 88, Former Local Man, Succumbs Friday

May 8, 1878 – Feb. 24, 1967

Funeral services for Henry F. Freitag, 88 years of age, a longtime area resident and former Monticello business man, who died at 7:30 am. Friday in a DeKalb, Ill., hospital after a brief illness, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were J. F. Freitag, Monroe, Ralph Freitag, Delavan, Alfred Rhyner, Brodhead, J. Henry Rhyner, Wilbert Rhyner and William Schultz, Albany.

Mr. Freitag was, born in New Glarus township, May 8, 1878, the son of Jacob and Sarah Blumer Freitag. He attended rural school. On Feb. 28, 1901 he was united in marriage in, Monticello to Euphemia Baebler. They farmed in Mt, Pleasant township until 1913, when they moved to Monticello. Mr. Freitag entered the drayage business and later embarked in the garage business. He formed a partnership with the late E. J. Blum and Fred Blum, which was established as the Monticello Auto Company. In 1913 they moved to Monroe where Mr. Freitag operated a Pure Oil station for many years. They retired to Villa Park, Ill.. and for the past 16 years had lived at DeKalb.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Clarence W. (Slim), well known as a trombonist with the Wayne King orchestra: one daughter, Mrs. Viola Julian. all of DeKalb: one brother, Jacob, 99, at the Wagner nursing home, Monroe: three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

Mr. Freitag had last Visited in Monticello on Jan. 22 of this year, when he came to attend funeral services for a niece, Mrs, Herman Pluss.