

William E. Hefty

Oct. 2, 1940 - July 21, 1961

William E. Hefty, 20, Dies After Extended Illness;

The Monticello community was plunged into sadness and deep regret when it was learned that William E. Hefty, 20 years of age, Madison, a native of Washington township, passed away at 3:05 a. m. Friday in the St. Clare hospital after a long illness of a malignant nature.



Funeral Services Sunday

Funeral services were held at 2 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ here. The Rev. W. C. Anderson, of the Assembly of God church, officiated in the absence of Rev. Mittler, who is on vacation.

Song service by Herbert Skinner who sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Pearly Gates Will Open."

Burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Jim Zweifel, Jack Ponyicsanyi, Ken Kundert and Armin Daubert, four of his basketball teammates at Monticello, Bill Escher, Monticello, and James Oliver, Albany, his college roommates.

Hospitalized Many Times

Just a few days after his graduation from the Monticello high school in 1958, "Billy" contracted rheumatic fever. A malignant condition became apparent two years ago and he had been hospitalized in Madison many times. On July 13 he entered the Monroe hospital while being taken ill at the home of his parents here.

Outstanding Student

He was born in Washington Township, Oct. 2, 1940, the son of Werner T. and Lillian Klassy Hefty. He graduated from the Monticello high school in 1958 as an honor student. He attended the University of Wisconsin for one and one-half years until illness forced him to leave school.

On June 7, 1960, he was united in marriage, in Monticello, to Myrna Adamson, after which they resided in Madison.

While starring for Monticello high school, he played forward on Monticello's championship basketball teams, which advanced to WIAA sectional competition in 1966-57 and again in 1957-58, coming to within one victory of moving to the state tournament in 1957.

He also played baseball and volleyball in high school and was a tremendous competitor in all three sports in which he excelled.

He took a keen interest in all school and church activities. He was president of his class during his senior year, was co-editor of the school paper, played in the school band and was a member of the chorus. He participated in 4-H work for eight years. He served as secretary of the primary department of the Zwingli United Church of Christ Sunday school, and was a member of the Youth Fellowship and choir of the Church.

He was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

A young man of exemplary character and a buoyant disposition, "Billy" earned the deep respect and admiration of all who knew him. Possessed of an undeniable will and determination, he made tremendous efforts to carry on in the manner of those more fortunate, and this, along with the many other splendid qualifications which he possessed, endeared him to all of his many friends.

He is survived by his wife; his parents; one brother, Tommy, at home; one sister, Marian, Madison; his paternal grandfather, Ed. C. Hefty, and his maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Klassy.