

Fred C. Karlen, 66, Succumbs Suddenly After heart Attack

Rites Held Sunday P. M. For Prominent Man Who Died Friday

Striking with a lightning like suddenness which stunned the entire community and plunged it into sadness, death claimed Fred C. Karlen, Sr., 66 years of age, well known and highly esteemed Monticello resident, at about 4 o'clock Friday morning, Aug. 29, 1947, at his home on South Main street.

Mr. Karlen had not been feeling well for about two days but there appeared to be nothing in his condition to become alarmed about. A sudden heart attack was the cause of his death. Mr. Karlen awakened feeling very uncomfortable. He asked Mrs. Karlen to call a doctor, fearing the end was near, and he was pronounced dead upon the arrival of the doctor.

Adams Township Native

Fred C. Karlen was a native of Adams township, having been born on the homestead farm Sept. 22, 1880, the son of Gottfried and Anna Marty Karlen. He attended the Dividing Ridge rural school near his home, and on Nov. 21, 1901, he was united in marriage to Mary Wittwer, the Rev. Heyl conducting the ceremony in Monticello. Mr. and Mrs. Karlen lived on the homestead farm in Adams township until 1928 when they retired and moved to Monticello to make their home. The farm was taken over by a son, Fred C. Karlen, Jr., at the time they moved to the village.

Mr. Karlen was a member of the village board here for four years, serving as a trustee. He also was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here.

Mr. Karlen was an industrious and prosperous farmer and during the 19 years in which he resided in Monticello he made a large circle of friends and acquaintances through his quiet and friendly disposition. News of his sudden and unexpected passing was received with sincere regret by his many friends throughout the community.

Mr. Karlen is survived by the Widow; one daughter, Mrs. Hemy Wechter, Madison; two sons, Herman G., Monticello, and Fred C. Karlen, Jr., Monroe; one sister, Miss Louise Karlen, Monticello; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.