

## **ERNEST KLASSY**

Ernest Klassy, 84, Monticello native, and longtime civic and industrial leader in Fort Atkinson, died Monday, September 27, 1976, in a hospital following a heart attack at his home.

The son of Henry and Louise Marty Klassy, he was born on Feb. 14, 1892, in Monticello. He was a UW-Madison graduate and served with the infantry in World War I. He married Selma Hageman in 1920. She died in 1940. In 1945, he was married to Mrs. Alice Wild of Whitewater and they lived in Fort Atkinson.

He was president of the James Manufacturing Co. from 1948 – 1958 and after his retirement he continued as president of the Atkinson Finance Corp. for five years. He was board chairman of the Citizens State Bank, serving as one of its directors since 1931, and was president of the bank from 1963 to 1968.

He was one of the founders of the Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital Association, a trustee and treasurer from 1942 to 1975.

He was a past commander of the American Legion Post and member of World War I Barracks No. 2099. He was a former member of the Board of Fairhaven Home for Senior Citizens of Whitewater and served as president for a number of years.

Survivors are his wife, Alice; three daughters, Mrs. William (Arleen) Grau, Downers Grove, Ill., Mrs. Ernest (Lois) Hezwurn, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Richard (Susan) Simonson, Fort Atkinson. Preceding him in death were five brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, with Rev. Carroll Olm of Fairhaven, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.