

Conrad Stauffacher, Age 74, Dies; Rites Held Here Saturday

Funeral services for Conrad Stauffacher, 74 years of age, well known Monticello man and lifelong resident of Green county, who died at 10:10 am. on Wednesday, March 24, 1971, at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, were held at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. Charles G. Workman, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Waldo Freitag, James Haldiman, New Glarus, Roy Hefty, Orangeville, Ill., John Stauffacher, Stevens Point, Henry C. Hefty and Werner T. Hefty.

Mr. Stauffacher had experienced a long illness and he had been in a wheelchair for the past four years. He was last hospitalized March 17, about a week before his death.

He was born on the Stauffacher farm, between Monticello and New Glarus, April 21, 1896, the son of Conrad and Marie Elmer Stauffacher. both natives of Switzerland. He attended the Voegeli school, near his home, the Monticello public schools and Mission House college.

On March 3 1927, he was united in marriage to Emma Roethlisberger, the ceremony taking place in the parsonage of the Reformed church here. They farmed the Stauffacher place until moving to Monticello in 1964.

The Stauffacher family was closely identified with progressive farming in Green county. Mr. Stauffacher and a late brother, Fred H., were the first farmers in Green county to undertake strip cropping and contour farming on their 640-acre farm of rolling hills.

Mr. Stauffacher was a former member of the Green County Selective Service Board, starting in World War II, and was a long-time director of the Green County Fair, serving many years as superintendent of swine.

He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ and had served on the church Consistory for 27 years. He was a 50-year member of the Monticello Masonic lodge, a director of the Bank of Monticello from 1951-68, and was the first president of the North Side Cheese Cooperative, Inc., serving from 1934 to 1959.

He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Halverson, Waupaca; a sister, Mrs. J. U. Freitag, New Glarus; a brother, Dick, Baraboo; and three grandchildren, Heidi, Connie Jean, and Eric Halverson.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Henry, Aug 12, 1918; John C., July 27, 1925; Fred, April 1944; and Werner, Aug. 28, 1967, and three sisters, Selina, in infancy; Mrs. Ed. C. Hefty, 1937; and Mrs. Henry E. Babler, Nov. 3. 1958.