

Fred Zumkehr

Dec. 3, 1886 – November 1937

Fred Zumkehr, 50 Years Old, Expires After Long Illness Final Rites Conducted for Native of Exeter Township

Funeral services for Fred Zumkehr, 50 years of age, well known Exeter township farmer, who passed away at eight o'clock Saturday evening following a three months' illness from an incurable disease, were conducted at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in the home and at 2 in the Monticello Reformed church.

Rev. J. Gaterman officiated in the absence of Rev. A. Muehlmeier, church pastor. Interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: Thomas Voegeli, Fred Moser, Jacob H. Disch, Fred H. Disch, Joe C. Hoesly and Stanley Freitag, all neighbors of the deceased.

Came as Sad Blow

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Zumkehr came as a sad blow to his many friends in this community, most of them thinking that he was doing fairly well following an operation in a Madison hospital to which he submitted early in July. His condition was critical for several weeks following the surgery but he subsequently recovered sufficiently to be up and about again. Up until a month ago he was well enough to assist with the farm work, doing work of a comparatively light nature.

Several weeks ago, however, his condition took a sudden turn for the worse and he became bedfast and unable to take much nourishment. His condition became gradually weaker until the final hour of his march down life's pathway.

Native of Exeter

Fred Zumkehr was born Dec. 3, 1886 on the farm where he died, the son of David and Marie Schmid Zumkehr. On Dec. 30, 1909, he was united in marriage to Miss Marie Christen, the ceremony taking place in Monticello. This union was blessed with a family of five children, four of whom survive. The couple took up their married life on the Zumkehr homestead farm and have resided there since.

Survivors, besides the bereaved widow, are two daughters, Wilma and Eleanor, at home, two sons, Raymond, at home, and Arnold, Washington township; three brothers, Edward and John, New Glarus, and Arnold, Madison; two sisters, Mrs. E. D. Frautschy and Mrs. Willis Duerst, Monroe. He was preceded in death by one son, Clarence, and two brothers in infancy.

Mr. Zumkehr was a member of the Monticello Reformed church and of the Moose lodge, 754, Monroe.