

Charles W. Clark

Nov. 23, 1869 – April 1942

Chas. W. Clark, 72, Summoned; Funeral Rites Held Monday Well Known Real Estate And Insurance Broker Victim of Stroke

Striking with a lightning-like suddenness which stunned the entire community and plunged it into sadness, death claimed Charles W. Clark, 72 years of age, well known and highly esteemed Monticello insurance agent and real estate broker, at 5:30 Friday afternoon in his home on Railroad Avenue.

Ill Less Than Week

"Charley," as he was familiarly referred to by his myriad of friends, both in Monticello and elsewhere, was ill only a few days, having suffered a stroke a short time after arising Tuesday morning. He had gone about his business affairs as usual at his office on Main Street the day before and apparently was in his usual good spirits. Only for a few fleeting moments on Thursday morning did Mr. Clark regain consciousness after suffering his misfortune Tuesday. He recognized members of his family but sank into a coma again, however, and expert medical care failed to bring about the desired improvement in his condition.

Mr. Clark's sudden and unexpected death came as a severe shock to members of the family and his many friends because he had apparently been in his usual good health and robust condition early in the week.

Native of Iowa

Charles W. Clark was a native of Iowa, having been born in Boone county, Nov. 23, 1869, the son of William H. and Hannah Barlow Clark. His parents moved to the Monticello vicinity when he was two years of age. He attended the rural school near his home and graduated from the Monroe high school. That Mr. Clark was eager to merit his diploma from the Monroe institution is evidenced by the fact that he used to negotiate the distance from here to the county seat on foot, following the Illinois Central railroad track.

On Oct. 27, 1889, he was united in marriage to Lula Cox, the ceremony taking place in Monticello. For three years they lived in this vicinity, then moved to a farm in Iowa, where they resided eight years. Moving to Brainerd, Minn., they resided on a farm in that vicinity for a similar period. They returned to Monticello and have made their home here for more than 30 years. Included in his interesting and active career following his return to Monticello was a term of years as carpenter. Mr. Clark became widely known in Monticello and throughout the entire southern section of the state as a real estate broker, a vocation which he followed for the past 25 years or more. He combined this work with the sale of a complete line of insurance, which he disposed of a few months ago to Adam Schuler, of this village. Mr. Clark took a keen interest in the public affairs of the village and served as assessor for the past 15 years or more, a post to which he was to have been re-elected at Tuesday's election without opposition.

He was a member of the Monticello Masonic Lodge and was also affiliated with the Modern Woodsmen of America a number of years ago.

Pleasing Disposition

The sudden passing of Mr. Clark removes from our midst a robust, refreshing individual, whose buoyant good nature and genial disposition will be greatly missed during these times of stress when such treasured qualities are at a premium in this trouble-torn world. Along with his sincere and magnetic friendliness, "Charley" was blessed with an unusual sense of humor. Unlike many other individuals, he had the happy faculty of being able to laugh just as heartily at jokes aimed at himself as he did at his own jests on his friends.

His success at creating mutual satisfaction to the parties involved in the many transactions which he completed during his career as a real estate agent, brought him a high esteem and friendship founded through his unquestionable honest and fair dealing.

Funeral Monday

Funeral services were conducted at 2 Monday afternoon in the Clark home. Mr. Alfred Smith, Milwaukee, conducted the services. Burial was in Highland cemetery and services at the grave were conducted under the auspices of the Monticello Masonic lodge, of which he was a member many years. Pallbearers were Adolph Arn, J. P. Zweifel, Jr., C. M. Stauffer, H. A. Walters, P. J. Aultman and Chas. Youngreen.