

John J. Cotherman, Sr.
Aug. 8, 1902 – September 16, 1965

Heart Attack Fatal to John Cotherman, 63; Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for John J. Cotherman, Sr., 63, Route 4, Monroe, native of Washington township, who suffered a fatal heart attack while operating a tractor on the family farm Thursday, were held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the Stuessy funeral home, Monroe.

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, pastor of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, officiated, and burial was in the Greenwood cemetery, Monroe. Pallbearers were Alfred Keller, Karl H. Freitag and Laurance G. Marty, Monticello, Jacob Blumer, Fond du Lac, Henry Elmer, Sr., and Merle J. Paffel, both of Route 4, Monroe.

Mr. Cotherman, who was pronounced dead upon arrival at St. Clare hospital, Monroe, was born in Washington township Aug. 8, 1902, the son of Ernest E. and Rose Wittenwyler Cotherman. He attended the Simmons school. On Dec. 20, 1923, he was united in marriage in St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe, to Margaret Ruch. He had always farmed after his marriage.

He was a member of Zwingli United Church, Monticello, and was president of the Wittenwyler-Burgy Cheese Co. at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Mrs. Rose Cotherman, Monroe: two daughters, Mrs. Harrison (Marian) Buttenhoff, Route 4, Monroe, and Mrs. Naaman (Frances) Bechtolt, Beloit; a son, John R., at home; a brother, Thomas, Monticello: four sisters, Mrs. Alfred Aeberhard, Sr., Monticello, Mrs. Edwin Theiler, Juda, Mrs. Edward Weiss, New Glarus, and Miss Rose Cotherman, Madison, and three grandchildren. His father died in 1957.