

Clarence W. (Slim) Freitag
January 9, 1903 - April 14, 1979

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 19, for Clarence W. (Slim) Freitag, 76, former Monticello resident. He died Saturday, April 14, in Kishwaukee Community Hospital, DeKalb, Ill., following a short illness.

He was born January 9, 1903 in Monticello, the son of the late Euphemia and Henry Freitag. On June 4, 1924 he was married, in Monticello, to Wilma Wittwer.

He was a professional musician and, had played with the Paul Whitman, Frankie Masters, Wayne King and Art Kahn orchestras for many years. He was also a member of the DeKalb Municipal Band, Shrianigans Band and the Confederation of Musicians in Chicago and DeKalb.

He served as a member of the DeKalb Municipal Hospital Board for 20 years, and served on the original Board of Directors for the recently built Kishwaukee Community Hospital. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge; Eagles Club; Loyal Order of the Moose; Tebala Shrine Temple in Rockford; Consistory of Chicago; St. Cecilia Lodge of Masons in Highland Park, Ill.

He was honored as the Citizen of the Year by the Elks Lodge last week.

An avid pilot, he was a former vice-president of Howard Aircraft Corp., of Chicago and St. Charles, Ill. and was the personal pilot for Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll of Amos and Andy radio fame. He was also a former owner of Freitag-Pontiac Car Dealership in DeKalb from 1950 to 1965.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia F. Miller of Woodridge, Ill., and Mrs. Duane (Ellen) Stone, of Naperville, Ill.; five grandchildren and one nephew.

A memorial fund has been established for scholarships, and may be sent in care of the First National Bank in DeKalb.