

Rudy Freitag

Oct. 15, 1866 – September 1936

Burial Services for Rudy Freitag Held; Victim of Accident Rev. Muehlmeier Conducts Rites in Reformed Church

Funeral services for Rudy Freitag, 69 years of age, life-long resident of Green county, who passed away at 6:15 Saturday morning in the Deaconess hospital, Monroe, where he was removed following injuries received when he was struck by a car Tuesday afternoon, were held at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in the home in the south east part of town and at 2 in the Reformed church.

Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Interment was in Highland cemetery. Members of the village board of which he was a trustee, were pallbearers. They were: Henry J. Elmer, Adam Duerst, C. M. Stauffer, E. J. Blum, Lora Pease and Jacob Burgy.

Was Assisting on Farm

Mr. Freitag had been assisting with work on the farm of his son-in-law, F. A. Babler, Mt. Pleasant township, when the unfortunate accident occurred. Wishing for a drink of water, Mr. Freitag started to cross the road to a well on the other side. A truck approached from the east and after it had passed, he continued on across the highway, totally unaware of an oncoming vehicle from the west driven by Miss Vilah Sommerfeldt, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Albert Sommerfeldt. A sharp hill prevented the occupants of the car from seeing Mr. Freitag and he was struck and thrown into a ditch, Unconscious, he was removed to the Deaconess hospital, where x-rays revealed the left leg broken in four places, besides severe bruises about the head and body.

Farmed in Mt. Pleasant

A native of Green county, Mr. Freitag was born in New Glarus township Oct. 15, 1866, the son of Jacob and Sarah Blumer Freitag. For some time he made cheese on his father's farm and subsequently purchased the place. He was married to Barbara Speich in. 1891, the ceremony taking place in Webster City, Iowa. After farming in Mt. Pleasant township on the farm now conducted by Wm. Spring, east of town, for several years, the couple moved to Monticello to reside. Some time later they again took up farming, Mr. Freitag having acquired the Jenny farm in Mt. Pleasant township, now owned by Henry Stauffacher. Upon disposing of the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Freitag again made their home in Monticello, where they had since resided.

Survivors, besides the widow, are one son, Jacob, one daughter, Mrs. F. A. Babler; four grandchildren: six sisters, Mrs. Henry Friday, Humbolt, Iowa, Mrs. Jacob Legler, New Glarus, Mrs. Anna Walker, Renwick, Iowa, Mrs. Fred J. Alleman, Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Jacob Rhyner, Sr. Albany, Mrs. August Schultz, Monticello; three brothers, Henry and Jacob, Monroe, and John, Juda. He was the first of a family of 10 to pass away.

Mr. Freitag took great interest in local affairs and the new addition to the village hall, which was only recently completed, stands as a monument to him, he having supervised the work of erecting the building.

Mr. Freitag was a member of the German Reformed church.