

Edward Gempeler

Feb. 26, 1887 – September 1, 1945

Ed. Gempeler, Aged 58, Prominent Local Man, Dies Saturday Rites Held Monday P. M. For Former Township Supervisor

Funeral services for Edward Gempeler, 58 years of age, highly esteemed and prominent Washington township farmer for many years, who passed away at 4:30 Saturday morning in the Madison General hospital, where he had been a patient for many weeks following an illness which had its inception early last spring, were conducted at 2 Monday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in the Washington Reformed church cemetery.

Suffered Many Weeks

Mr. Gempeler was hospitalized on two occasions since he first became ill five months ago. After his dismissal from the institution early this summer he appeared to be considerably improved but this condition was of a short existence and Mr. Gempeler was again forced to enter the hospital for treatment. His condition was such that he suffered a great deal in the weeks preceding his death. Mr. Gempeler spent 11 weeks in the hospital.

Edward Gempeler was born in New Glarus township Feb. 26, 1887, the son of John and Maria Loertscher (Gempeler). He attended rural school near his home and farmed with his brother in Washington township for a short time. On Oct. 7, 1915, Mr. Gempeler was united in marriage to Flora Rufer, the ceremony taking place in Washington township. The couple farmed in Washington township for many years, where Mr. Gempeler became a successful farmer and a leader in his community. They moved to Monticello to make their home on June 1 of this year, their farm being operated by a son, Leon.

Closely identified with public activities, Mr. Gempeler had served Washington township as supervisor for the past 18 years, declining re-election last spring after he had planned to retire from farming. He had always taken a keen interest in church affairs and was a member of the Washington Reformed church and of the consistory.

The passing of Mr. Gempeler removes from our midst a man whose high ideals and unquestionable honesty had earned for him the unwavering respect of large circle of friends and acquaintances, not only in his home community but throughout the entire Monticello area as well.

Surviving besides the bereaved widow are two sons, Harvey and Leon, Washington township; one grandchild; four brothers, John and Albert, Monticello, Herman, Albany, and Henry, Monroe; and two sisters, Mrs. Isaac Babler and Mrs. William Rufer, Monroe. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one in infancy, and Fred, and two sisters; Lydia, and Mrs. Albert Rufer, Monroe.