

Fred Grossen

May 3, 1912 - April 19, 1971

Fred Grossen, 58, Washington Twp. Farmer, Succumbs

Fred Grossen, 58 years of age, well known Washington, township farmer, died at 1:55 p.m. Monday at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, after a period of almost two years of failing health.

He had been hospitalized many times, the most recent time being April 10.

He was born in Iowa county, May 3, 1912, a son of Emil and Emma Dumermuth Grossen. When he was 10 years of age the family moved to Washington township and he attended the Purcell rural school. On Nov. 23, 1937, he was united in marriage in St. Louis, Mo., to Wilma M. Thomann. They always farmed in Washington township and had been on the present farm since 1947.

He took an active part in the affairs of his community. He was a member of the Washington Reformation church and had been a member of the church choir for many years and also served on the church consistory as an elder. He served on the Purcell school board, and had also been a supervisor and town chairman of Washington township. He was elected to the office of township chairman at the April 6 election after serving as acting chairman for a number of months.

He was perhaps best known in sports circles. He took a keen interest in baseball and other sports and had been coach and manager of the Washington Huskies Tug-O-War team for many years, during which his teams compiled an outstanding record,

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Eldon F., Route 2, Monticello, and Gordon G., at home; seven brothers, Emil, George, Howard, and Edward, Monroe, Robert, Monticello, Walter, Browntown, and William, Belleville; three sisters, Mrs. Ray (Wilma) Reimann and Mrs. Al (Arlene) De Voe, Monroe, and Mrs. Rodney (Doris) Zimmerman, Juda; and two grandchildren, Holly and Heidi Grossen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Herman (Emma) Ritschard and Mrs. Herman (Marie) Voegeli, and a brother, John.

Funeral Services Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon at the Washington Reformation church. The Rev. Leo Duerson will officiate, and burial will be in the adjoining church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Zwingli church Memorial lounge here and after 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Washington church.