

**Cloyance W. Karlen**  
**Sept. 24, 1901 - Aug. 23, 1980**

Cloyance W. Karlen, 78, well known Monticello businessman died Saturday Aug. 23, in St. Clare, Monroe. He had been in declining health since April and entered the hospital on Aug. 10.

He was born in Monticello on Sept. 24, 1901, the son of Herman L. and Lena Steinmann Karlen. He was a 1918 graduate of Monticello High School. He was in an automobile firm in Monticello with his father and brother for many years.

On Sept. 14, 1927, he was married to the former Hilda O. Dick in Monticello. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1977.

The auto firm, now known as Karlen Ford Inc., is presently being operated by his nephew, R. W. Karlen Jr. Mr. Karlen retired from the auto business in 1973 but continued active in the management of Karlen Lumber Company in Monticello until his retirement in 1976. He received special recognition from the Ford Motor Company in 1968, for being a Ford Dealer for 50 years.

Survivors include his wife Hilda, and one daughter, Donna J. Karlen, Monticello.

He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, and had served on the church consistory. He was a 50-year member of the New Glarus Masonic Lodge No. 310 and a member of the Monticello Community Club. A golf enthusiast, he and his brother promoted amateur sports in the Monticello area during the 1930's.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1955, his mother in 1956, a sister, Mrs. R. K. (Helen) Dugdale, 1971 and a brother R. W. Karlen, 1974.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, the Rev. Charles G. Workman officiated. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Leo J. Gempler, Donald J. Knobel, John Ponyicsanyi, Willard D. Prisk and Clarence Waltemath, all of Monticello and Edward H. Schneider, Monroe.