RALPH KARLEN

Ralph F. Karlen, 48, Rt. 2, Monticello, died Monday, Sept. 15, 1975, at University Hospitals, Madison, after an illness of six months. He had been admitted to the hospital's cardiac care center on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

The son of Fred C. and Marie H. Feldt Karlen, Jr., he was born on Jan. 28, 1927 and attended Dividing Ridge School and the Monticello High School. He had always lived on the home farm.

He was married to the former Marlys Isley on Nov. 24, 1946, in St. John's Church, Monroe, by Rev. Paul C. Kehle. The couple had observed their silver wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Marlys; two daughters, Mrs. William (Kandace) Tucker, Madison; Mrs. Roland (Kendra) Holland, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, Kendall and Kerry, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Fred C. Karlen, Jr., Monroe; one brother, Rolland E. Karlen, Monroe; one sister, Mrs. Calvin (Virginia) M. Drafahl, Monticello; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1956.

Funeral services will be held at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Charles Workman will officiate and internment will be in the Highland Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Michael Isely, David Sorenson, Jerry Lokken, all of Monroe; Rudy R. Isely, Beloit; Robert Drafahl, Monticello; and Joely Roosli, Belleville.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge, 426 E. Lake Ave, Monticello, The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a memorial fund in Mr. Karlen's name.