Howard D. Kennedy

Howard D. Kennedy, age 92, of Monticello, passed away August 24, 1998 at the Monroe Manor, Monroe, WI after suffering a stroke.

Howard was born May 8, 1906 in Monticello (Mt. Pleasant Township) the son of Charles D. and Alice Blanche Richards Kennedy. He graduated from Monticello High School in 1924 and attended the University of Wisconsin.

He was a third generation employee at the Monticello Woolen Mills, a family company until 1940, and then operated the Mill until it was destroyed by fire in 1950. He worked for a time at the Rock River Woolen Mills in Janesville, again as a third generation employee, and then worked in the Monticello Post Office for 20 years until retiring in 1976. During this time he also ran the Woolen Mill's business, contracting out work.

During the 1930's and 1940's Howard served as a Director and President of the Monticello Commercial Club. He was a member of the Monticello Village Board for 10 years during the 1960's and 1970's. In 1958 he was one of the incorporators of the Monticello Industrial Development Corporation and served as a Director and Secretary until 1992. He was a member of the ACLU, Amnesty International, Sierra Club and the Historical Society of Monticello.

He was married October 8, 1934, to Blanche Adelia Young of Milton, who preceded him in death September 16, 1989. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth R. of Knoxville, TN and Edwin S. of Madison, WI.

Survivors include a daughter Doris Jean Kennedy, Milwaukee, WI: a son James R. (Kristine) Kennedy, Madison, WI; a sister-in-law Florence Kennedy, Madison, WI; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 28, 1998 at 11:00 am. at the Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello, with Rev. Charles Workman officiating. A private burial will be in the Rock River Cemetery, Milton. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 6:00 pm. to 8::00 pm. and on Friday from 10:00 am. until the time of service.

Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity or the charity of your choice.