

Traugott Senn, Jr.

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Traugott Senn, Jr., Expires in Madison After Brief Illness Funeral Rites Held Here For Former Resident Of Village

Striking with shocking and unexpected suddenness, death early Saturday morning claimed the life of Traugott Senn, Jr., well known and highly esteemed Monticello young man, of late a resident of Madison. The untimely death of Traugott, who was only 27 years of age, occurred in the Madison General hospital at 1:30 o'clock in the morning.

Serious Leg Injury

It was nine years ago, shortly after he had completed his high school education, that Traugott was first taken to a Madison hospital with a serious leg injury which resulted from a severe bruise. The cause of his trouble was given as acute osteomyelitis, which is the technical medical term for a serious bone disease. For many months Traugott was forced to remain in the hospital and his condition was considered very critical for some time following an operation of his left leg.

In the winter of 1928-29 he was forced to return to the hospital following a fracture of the leg. After many more months spent in the hospital he was able to navigate quite well with the aid of crutches. For the past six or seven years he was able to get around without much difficulty although the leg hampered him somewhat. He was unusually active despite his handicap and was able to participate in many outdoor activities.

Ill Six Weeks

About six weeks ago the old trouble suddenly returned and he was unable to continue his work. He remained at the home of his parents for a number of days before entering the hospital again about a month ago. Despite the severe pain which he was forced to endure Traugott was always of a jolly disposition. Shortly after entering the hospital he submitted to an operation and several blood transfusions were given. He was given blood by his father, C. W. Karlen and J. W. Barlow. Several other Monticello friends took tests and offered their blood for their friend, These transfusions were of no avail, however, as the chronic osteomyelitis had recurred with invasion of the blood stream, a complication which is invariably fatal. Then after enduring intense suffering for many weeks Traugott answered the call in the early hours of Saturday morning,

Native of Switzerland

Traugott Senn was a son of Traugott and Emma Gabler Senn, having been born Feb. 5, 1910, in Canton St. Gallen, Switzerland. At the age of about four years he came to this country with his mother, coming about three years after his father immigrated. He grew to manhood in Monticello, forming countless new friendships as the years came. He attended the Monticello public schools and graduated from the Monticello high school with the class of 1927 and from the University of Wisconsin in 1934, majoring in science. In 1934 he was united in marriage to Ruth Babler here in Monticello, Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, tying the nuptial knot. Three years ago the couple moved to Madison to make their home. He was wallpaper sales manager for the Mautz Paint and Varnish company, a position which he filled with much success.

During his high school days Traugott was an outstanding athlete, having given a fine account of himself in basketball and track.

“Traug,” as he was known to all his associates, will be missed very keenly by his many friends and acquaintances. He was possessed of a most genial disposition and was a friend of old and young alike. “Traug” was always the center of attraction and was possessed of an unusually keen sense of humor. It was this writer’s privilege, two weeks ago, to visit his departed friend at the hospital and even then, while running a high temperature and certainly feeling anything but peppy, “Traue” found occasion to intersperse the conversation with bits of humor.

The sudden passing of Traugott brought sincere regrets to the hordes of friends and acquaintances. His large number of friendships can best be explained by the great number of people who came to pay their last tributes to him Monday.

He is survived by his wife and his parents.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Monday afternoon in the home of his parents and at 2 in the Monticello Reformed church, of which he was a confirmed member. Rev. J. Gatermann officiated at the home and at the cemetery. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, church pastor, officiated at the church. Pallbearers were: Dwight Zweifel, Carl Dick, Ray Blum, Richard Amelong, Ivan Wichser and Jacob Krieg. Interment was in Highland cemetery.