

Conrad Stauffacher, Sr.

March 8, 1859 – May 1936

Conrad Stauffacher, Sr., Passes Away in Home at Monticello

Rev. A. Muehlmeier Will Conduct Services Friday

Funeral services for Conrad Stauffacher, Sr., 77 years of age, well known retired farmer, who died in his home here on South Main street at 6:45 p. m. Tuesday after a lingering illness, will be conducted at 1 p. m. Friday in the home and at 2 in the Reformed church.

Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church, will preside at the services. Burial will be in Highland cemetery.

Native of Switzerland

A native of Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Mr. Stauffacher was born March 8, 1859, the son of Dietrich and Verena Elmer Stauffacher. Leaving his native land in the company of his parents, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States in the year of 1871, coming to Monticello. Since then he has always resided in or near this village.

Mr. Stauffacher was united in marriage to Marie Elmer in New Glarus on May 16, 1862(?), the couple later taking up their residence on the groom's farm, a few miles northwest of Monticello. During the years he was engaged in agriculture and dairying, Mr. Stauffacher was known as one of the most successful and prosperous farmers in this region. In 1923, he and Mrs. Stauffacher retired from farming and moved to Monticello to spend their declining years. She preceded him in death Aug, 6, 1933.

In Poor Health

Mr. Stauffacher had been in relatively poor health for a number of years. His physical condition began to fail noticeably several weeks ago and he grew gradually worse until his death Tuesday evening. His demise was hastened by a heart attack.

A man of many exemplary qualities, Mr. Stauffacher commanded the esteem and respect of all of his fellow citizens who admired him for his honest and sincere disposition. In his active years, he was an unusually industrious individual and his high standing as a successful farmer was generally known throughout Green county. He was a kind and considerate husband and father, a man whose sterling traits will always be remembered by scores of friends and acquaintances.

Surviving Mr. Stauffacher are three daughters, Mrs. J. U. Freitag, New Glarus; Mrs. Edward C. Hefty, Monticello, and Miss Marie Stauffacher, at home; four sons, Werner D. Stauffacher, at home; Fred H. Stauffacher and Conrad Stauffacher, Jr., Monticello, who now owns the homestead farm; and Dietrich Stauffacher, Fennimore; a sister, Mrs. Mary Aebli, Marietta, Minn., and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, two sons, and one daughter.