

Donald Swenson

Sept. 25, 1935 – February 22, 1954

Donald Swenson, 18, Dies as Result of Accident; 5 Injured

Donald Swenson, aged 18, Monticello, died at 2:40 Monday morning in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, as a result of injuries which he received at approximately 9:15 Sunday night when the car he was driving careened from Highway 39, west of New Glarus.

The car Swenson was driving, in which five other young people were riding, apparently went out of control on a curve, about 7.5 miles west of New Glarus.

Others injured in the accident were Avis Rood, 18, Blanchardville, Gilbert Disch, Jr., 17, Monticello, Alice Webb, 15, Monroe, Sonja Coplien, 16, Monroe, and Ernest Schneider, 19, Monroe.

Young Disch and the Rood girl were termed “satisfactory” in the hospital Monday.

Coroner Herman A. Stuessy ruled the death an accident and no inquest was held.

Native of Minnesota

Donald, A. Swenson was born in Clay county, Minn., Sept. 25, 1935, the son of Alfred and Olga Simonsion Swenson. He attended grade school in Minnesota, Freeport, Ill, and Monticello, and attended the Monticello high school for two years. He moved here from Freeport with his family in 1947.

He worked with the Illinois Central railroad section crew for some time and since December had been employed at the Fischer Body plant in Janesville.

He is survived by his mother; his step-father, Frank Villapando; two sisters, Mrs. Bud Fiandaca, Dillworth, Minn., and Mrs. John Blum, Monticello; and one half-sister, Patricia Villapando, at home. He was preceded in death by his father in 1944.

Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here, with the Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Oakland cemetery, Freeport. Pallbearers were Robert Durtschi, Edward Riese, Reno Tonsi, Edward Wirth, and Zane Zurbuchen, Monticello, and Ernest Schneider, Jr., Monroe.