

Jacob A. Voegeli

Jacob A. Voegeli, 86, Monticello, known nationally and internationally as a Brown Swiss cattle breeder, died Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, 1978, at the Americana Nursing Home in Madison where he had been a patient since Dec. 7. He had been in failing health for the past few months.

He had been honored by a number of groups for his work with Brown Swiss cattle, his herd having been termed one of the finest in the country.

Born in Washington Township Dec. 15, 1892, on the Voegeli homestead farm, he was the son of Jacob and Verena Freitag Voegeli. On Feb. 21, 1918, he was married in Evansville to the former Lillian Weiss. She died Dec. 26, 1971.



He had spent his lifetime farming on the Voegeli farm northwest of Monticello even after his retirement to the village. In 1943, he was honored by the UW-Wisconsin as a “Key” farmer, and in 1960, Delta Theta Sigma, University agricultural fraternity, made him an honorary member. Pure Milk Association. honored him in 1972 as its “Outstanding Man.”

The deceased was named Monticello’s “Outstanding Citizen” by the Monticello Jaycees in October of 1975. He was cited, by the Tristate Breeders Co-operative, in 1973 as “Man of the Year” and as a “master farmer” since 1933.

He had toured Europe with other Brown Swiss Breeders and his farm had been visited by foreign cattle breeders. In 1974 he was recognized as a “Kentucky Colonel” at the annual Kentucky National Brown Swiss Show and Sale. He had been a judge at numerous state fairs and at four national shows.

He was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John B. (Frances) Hoskins, Monticello, and Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Schnetzler, Monona; two sons, Royal J. Voegeli, Washington D. C., and Howard F. Voegeli, Monticello, who is the fourth generation of the family on the Voegeli farm. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and four great-granddaughters .

Preceding him in death were his wife, four brothers, Joe, Walter and Fred, all of Monticello, and John, Lodi, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Barbara) Wild, Belleville, and Mrs. Henry (Verena) Duerst, Monticello. He was the last of his family

Funeral services will be held at 1: 30 pm. Wednesday in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, the Rev. Charles G. Workman, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 pm. today in the Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge, Monticello.