

William Voegeli, Sr

Oct. 15, 1868 – September 25, 1947

William Voegeli, Sr., Well Known Local Man, Dies Thursday Esteemed Man Dies After Operation; Rites' Held Sunday P. M.

Funeral services for William Voegeli, Sr., 78 years of age, well known and highly respected resident of Monticello and the nearby community his entire lifetime, who passed away at 4:30, Thursday morning at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, as a result of major surgery to which he submitted the day before, were held at 2 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Frederick, Ralph, Harland, and Richard Voegeli and Royal Elmer, grandsons, and Alvin Elmer.

Mr. Voegeli, who had been severely handicapped since suffering a stroke of paralysis about 10 years ago, had not been feeling well the past several months. He had frequently been a hospital patient since suffering the stroke, at which time his wife, who died about two years ago, also fell victim to the same misfortune. Several days before his death he entered the hospital, where he submitted to surgery Wednesday forenoon. The ordeal was more than Mr. Voegeli was able to withstand, despite the fact that he was an unusually courageous and hardy individual.

Native of Washington Township

William Voegeli was a native of Washington township, having been born on the Voegeli homestead farm, a few miles northwest of Monticello, Oct. 15, 1868, the son of Joseph and Barbara Obrecht Voegeli. He attended the Voegeli rural school near his home and on Nov. 26, 1889, he was united in marriage to Regula Voegeli, the ceremony taking place in New Glarus. For some time they lived in Dayton, where Mr. Voegeli owned and operated a hotel when that hamlet was a busy community. In 1891 he built the building now occupied by the Wittwer cheese store and the Kubly tavern. He operated a business in the south part of the building for some time. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Voegeli resided on a farm in Adams township before moving to Monticello. Since the death of Mrs. Voegeli in 1945, he had resided with a son, Herman, the major part of the time.

Mr. Voegeli was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Sterling Character

The death of Mr. Voegeli has removed from our midst an individual who will be greatly missed and news of his passing was received with deep regret by all of his many friends in the village and surrounding community. Included among his many sterling qualities were an indelible character and unquestionable honesty in his dealings with his fellow men. Possessed of an unusually pleasant and buoyant disposition, he always greeted everyone with a friendly smile. A hardy and unusually rugged individual, he literally compelled himself to carry on and keep going despite the fact that an attending physician expressed doubt that he ever would walk again when he suffered the stroke. That he always managed to keep active with odd jobs on the farm undoubtedly figured prominently in his happiness even though he was severely handicapped for approximately 10 years.

Survivors include three sons, William, Jr., Monticello, Melvin, New Glarus township, and Herman, Adams township; two daughters, Mrs. Werner Blumer, Monroe, and Mrs. John W. Elmer, New Glarus; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Emil, Monticello, and Albert, Monroe. He was preceded in death by his wife, Oct. 15, 1945, and six brothers and six sisters.