

John J. Wittwer
Sept. 23, 1885 - June 30, 1971

John J. Wittwer, 85, Monticello, Stricken; Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for John J. Wittwer, 85 years of age, Monticello, who died at 8:30 am. on Wednesday of last week at the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, were held at 1:30 Saturday afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ Memorial Lounge here.

The Rev. Charles G. Workman, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in the Eldorado cemetery, Oneco township, northeast of Orangeville, Ill. Pallbearers were Thomas Brusveen, John Stenbrotten, Carl Schlittler, Monticello, Conrad F. Elmer, Lawrence L. Leuenberger, and Lester A. Witt, Monroe.

Mr. Wittwer had been a medical patient at the hospital since June 24.

He was born in Monroe Sept. 23, 1885, the son of Jacob and Margaret Tschabold Wittwer, who operated the Monroe hotel at that time. He attended the Fairfield rural school in Jefferson township, and had always farmed until retiring to Monticello in 1948. On Dec. 24, 1910, he was married in Monroe to Evalyn Kline, by the late Rev. P. A. Schuh of St. John's church. Mr. and Mrs. Wittwer farmed in Jefferson township until 1932, when they moved to a farm in Dutch Hollow, a few miles southeast of Monticello. Mrs. Wittwer died on June 21 of that year. He continued to farm there for 16 years until retiring to Monticello.

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

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Llewellyn Edmunds, Monticello; a son, Alex, Portland, Ore.; two grandsons, Jeff Edmunds, Monroe, and Jon Wittwer, Portland, Ore.; and a great-grandson, Todd Michael Edmunds, Monroe.

Mr. Wittwer, the last of his family, was preceded in death by a brother, Sam, and three sisters, Mrs. Sam (Louise) Grenzow, Mrs. Gus (Emma) Meier, and Mrs. Alex (Lydia) Tschabold.