

Otto Julius Wyss

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Death Claims Otto J. Wyss, Aged 50, After Long Illness Will Conduct Final Rites Today for Native of Switzerland

Otto J. Wyss, 50 years of age, well known and highly respected citizen of Monticello, passed away at 5 o'clock Monday, afternoon at his home in the Monticello hotel following an illness which had its inception several months ago.

Bedfast Several Weeks

Mr. Wyss, whose health had been impaired to some extent following an operation a number of years ago, first became ill last fall. While he was not bedfast at first there were many days when he was not able to dispose of his routine duties, and on Dec. 28, he entered the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, for treatment. Expert medical attention in that institution failed to bring about the desired results and a short time later he entered the Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Since Jan. 9 Mr. Wyss had been bedfast and gradually grew weaker until death took him from his family and loved ones Monday afternoon.

Native of Switzerland

Otto Julius Wyss was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Olten, Canton Aargau, April 21, 1890, a son of Julius and Elizabeth Gruetter Wyss. Upon entering the United States he followed various forms of work and was connected with business interests in Albany before coming to Monticello in 1920. Arriving in Monticello 20 years ago, Mr. Wyss purchased the Otto Keller harness and shoe shop following the death of Mr. Keller. In 1928 Mr. Wyss disposed of his business to L. R. Pease and the same year acquired the Monticello hotel. In 1928 Mr. Wyss was united in marriage to Helen Roethlisberger. They have always made their home in Monticello with the exception of a few months during which they resided in Milwaukee.

Mr. Wyss was at one time secretary of the local Odd Fellows lodge and took an active part in the affairs of the organization until the unit was dropped here, members transferring to the Monroe lodge at that time.

Held in High Esteem

News of the untimely death of Mr. Wyss was received with sincere regret by his many friends and acquaintances, both here and elsewhere. An unusually industrious man, Mr. Wyss was continually improving the appearance and value of his hotel property. Because he was an extremely conscientious and painstaking individual his workmanship always bore the stamp of quality. Constantly making repairs to his property Mr. Wyss had improved his building until it certainly is a credit to the community.

The death of Mr. Wyss has emphasized the high esteem with which he was regarded in his home community, from his fellow businessmen as well as the other citizens of the village. His unwavering honesty was only one of the many admirable characteristics which won him the wholesome respects of the citizens of the village,

Surviving, besides the bereaved widow, are two children, one son, Carl, and one daughter, Aline, and a sister in Switzerland. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral Services Today

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery, Pallbearers will be: Francis Kubly, E. J. Moritz, Roy Webb, C. W. Karlen, Louis Wyss and Christ Yaussi.

Out of respect to the memory of Mr. Wyss the business houses of the village will remain closed during the time of the services.