

John P. Zweifel Sr.

Aug. 13, 1863 - March 13, 1944

John P. Zweifel, Sr., 80, Struck by Car, Dies Monday Night Both Legs, Pelvic Girdle Fractured; Final Rites Friday P. M.

John P. Zweifel, Sr., 80 years of age, lifelong resident of Green county and an esteemed citizen of Monticello for the past 54 years, died at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, the result of injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile while crossing a street near his home at about 11:30 Saturday night.

Mr. Zweifel had spent the evening in the village's business section and was walking home. He was crossing Railroad avenue under a street light where he had been in the habit of walking for many years when the car, driven by Walter Flesher, Albany, struck him, breaking both legs just below the knees and crushing of the pelvic girdle. William Schneeberger, also of Albany, was with the driver.

One of the men in the car remained with Mr. Zweifel while the other summoned local authorities. He was then taken to Monroe in the Voegeli ambulance, where hospital authorities held little hope for his recovery. Despite the severe shock Mr. Zweifel, an unusually active person for one of his years, never lost consciousness after being struck by the car. Several blood transfusions were administered in an attempt to improve his condition.

County Officers Here

Coroner Herman A. Stuessy and County Highway Policeman George W. Armstrong were in Monticello Tuesday afternoon to determine whether results of an investigation warranted a coroner's inquest. The accident occurred during a rain. Village Marshal H. J. Wirth was notified of the accident, but no report was made either to the sheriff's office or to the county highway police.

Born in New Glarus

Mr. Zweifel was born Aug. 13, 1863, in New Glarus, the son of Peter and Elizabeth Luchsinger Zweifel. He was educated in the New Glarus and Monroe schools, moving to the county seat with his parents when he was nine years old. On May 3, 1886, he was united in marriage to Anna Schneider. In 1887 he helped with the building of the Illinois Central railroad from Monroe to Monticello. One of his favorite past times was to recall memories of his brief career in the railroad business and also of the period in which he drove a stage out of Monroe to neighboring towns in the '80's. In 1890 Mr. and Mrs. Zweifel moved to Monticello where Mr. Zweifel assumed the duties of street commissioner, a job he held for many years. Later he was connected with the Arn & Zweifel Cheese Co., retiring in 1922.

The tragic death of "Grandpa," as he was familiarly referred to by many youngsters of the village, particularly in his neighborhood, removes from our midst a robust, cheerful individual, one who enjoyed life to the utmost. He had the respect of an unusually large number of acquaintances, both in Monticello and the surrounding community. His favorite past time was to recall incidents which occurred in past year and his memory was decidedly clear for one of his advanced age. Whenever Mr. Zweifel began reminiscing events of years ago he had an attentive audience. He took justifiable pride in his garden, produce from which was distributed to many homes in his neighborhood. Unable to make use of the vegetables himself, he gave most of them away, working in his garden just for the sake of the pleasure he derived from his efforts.

A daily visitor to the village, always handing out jokes and equally jovial when the jousts were aimed at him, Mr. Zweifel will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Survivors are one son, John P. Zweifel, Jr. Monticello; two sisters, Mrs. John Zimmerman, Beloit, and Mrs. Fannie Reick, Milwaukee; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife, four brothers, Fred, Christ, Thomas and Peter, and one son, Edward, who died during the flu epidemic of 1918.

Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held at 2 Friday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home. Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate. Burial will be in Highland cemetery.