

MARVIN J. FREITAG

Marvin J. Freitag, 65, 300 13th Ave., New Glarus, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 1976, at noon at his home. The death was unexpected, although Mr. Freitag had been in declining health for several years.

He was born on the Freitag Homestead farm in New Glarus Township on Jan. 19, 1911, to Jacob M. and Marie Zentner Freitag. He attended Voegeli rural school and Monticello High School for two and one-half years. He was married on Nov. 22, 1934, by the Rev. Richard Rettig at New Glarus to the former Esther A. Elmer. After marriage, they farmed on the Freitag homestead farm, south of New Glarus, until 1968 when they moved to New Glarus. He still assisted with the farm work as much as his health permitted and had worked until about 6 weeks ago.

Survivors are his wife, Esther; one son, Richard E., Rt. 2, Monticello; two brothers, Howard Z., Beloit, Karl H., Monticello; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father in October 1963, his mother in January 1938, and a brother, Elmer, in infancy in 1923.

Mr. Freitag was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello; a former treasurer of the Voegeli School district; a long-time director of the Monticello Northside Swiss Cheese Co-op; and was very active in soil conservation. He was awarded the Farmer recognition in 1957 for his work in soil and water conservation and in 1964 was honored as the Outstanding Co-operator, by the Green County Soil and Water Conservation District, at the annual fall banquet sponsored by the Monroe Jaycees. That same year he was awarded for his conservation efforts by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

His funeral was held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 1:30 p.m. at the Zwingli Church with Rev. Charles G. Workman officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Pallbearers were Robert Buehl, Robert Durtschi, Willis H. Elmer, Fred Minder, and Oswald H. Zentner, Jr., Monticello; Paul A. Witt, Monroe; and Theodore J. Marty and John A. Wild, New Glarus.