

Harvey E. Gempeler, Retired Area Farmer, Dies Monday Night

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Harvey E. Gempeler, age 51, a prominent retired Washington township farmer, died unexpectedly at 10:45 Monday night at his home of a coronary attack. He had experienced a respiratory condition for a number of years, which contributed to his early retirement from farming.

A life-long Washington township resident, he was born Nov. 2, 1918, the son of Edward and Flora Rufer Gempeler. He attended the Loveland rural school near his home. On Nov. 7, 1941, he was united in marriage to Ruth Murphy in the Grace Evangelical church, Monticello. Mr. and Mrs. Gempeler had farmed in Washington township until a few years ago. The Gempeler home now is the former Marty rural school, which they remodeled extensively.

Mr. Gempeler was a member of the Washington Reformation church. For 12 years he was a supervisor on the Washington township Board and had been president of the Town Hall Cheese factory for 10 years. He also was a member and past-president of the Yester-Year Auto Club.

He is survived by the widow; four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Karen) Schlittler and Mrs. Donald (Elaine) Williams, both of Route 1, Monticello. Miss Christine, Monroe and Miss Kathleen at home; a brother, Leon C. Gempeler, Route 1, Monticello; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sept. 1, 1945, and his mother in June of 1956.

Friends may leave memorials for the Washington Reformation church.

Funeral Services Thursday

Funeral services for Mr. Gempeler will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon in Washington Reformation church. The Rev. Leo Duerson, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in the Washington church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Marvin Rufer, Monroe, Sam A. Goecks, Robert C. Holcomb, Jr., Eugene R. Olsen, Daryl M. Pagel, and Gilman J. Schmid.

Frederick S. Voegeli, Monticello, is in charge of arrangements.