

Wm. E. Klassy, 79, Stricken Suddenly; Services Held Sunday

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Funeral services for William E. (Bill) Klassy, 79 years of age, widely known area feed dealer for many years and a resident of Monticello since 1935, who died at 4 p.m. on Wednesday of last week of a sudden heart attack on the Walter Metz farm, Washington township, were held at 1 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, church pastor officiated and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Norman Benkert, Arthur C Boss, Walter Hammerly, Jacob Krieg, Walter L. Metz, and Raland Ritschard,

Mr. Klassy was assisting Walter Metz and Raland Ritschard, a neighbor, with loading a wagon with wood in a timber tract on the Metz farm, formerly owned by Mr. Klassy, when he experienced the sudden seizure. Green County Coroner Richard Wagner, Monroe. said death was due to natural causes.

He was born March 4 1888, on the Klassy homestead farm in Washington township, the son of Henry and Louisa Marty Klassy. He attended the Klassy rural school. On Feb. 4, 1909 he was united in marriage to Louisa Bidlingmaier, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple farmed on the Klassy homestead for three years and in 1912 he purchased a tract of adjoining land and started a new farm east of the homestead. They farmed there until moving to Monticello in 1935.

Mr. Klassy had the distinction of being the first authorized DeKalb hybrid seed corn dealer in the state of Wisconsin. receiving a dealership in 1935. In 1934 Mr. Klassy and a son, Leon, embarked in the feed and trucking business in Monticello. The business here was sold to the Green County Farm Bureau in 1946. Mr. Klassy and son also operated a grain elevator in Baileyville, Ill. Mr. Klassy also established a feed business in New Glarus, known as the Klassy Milling Co, now owned by a son. Roger.

Mr. Klassy was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Leon W.. Monticello, and Roger E., New Glarus: one daughter. Mrs. Werner Hefty, Monticello: one brother, Ernest R, Klassy. Fort Atkinson; five grandchildren, and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Mrs. Harry French, Mrs. Fred C. Elmer, and Mrs. Arthur Pierce; four brothers. John in infancy, Matt, Henry C., and Herman F. Klassy and by one grandson, William Hefty on July 21, 1961.