

## **Geo. C. Steinmann, Veteran Monticello Businessman, Called End comes Sunday After Nine Week Illness of Heart Disease**

Funeral services for George C. Steinmann, 59 years of age, prominent and highly esteemed Monticello businessman for 44 years, who passed away at 1:20 Sunday afternoon in his home here following an illness with heart disease, which had its inception more than two months ago, were conducted at 2 Tuesday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. Rev. A. R. Actemeier, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in Highland cemetery.

Masonic services were conducted at the grave by members of the Monticello Union Lodge No. 155, of which he was a member. Pallbearers were: Henry J. Elmer, W. E. Blum, J. P. Zweifel, Jr., W. D. Elmer, O. D. Curtis and Adolph Kistler.

Mr. Steinmann, whose health had not been in the best condition for a number of months, first became seriously ill about nine weeks ago and he entered the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, at that time. A serious heart ailment failed to yield to treatment but a slight improvement permitted him to return to his home several weeks ago, where his condition remained much the same throughout the days which followed.

### **Prominent Merchant**

George C. Steinmann was born in New Glarus township, Dec. 29, 1882, the son of John Casper Steinmann Sr., and Barbara Legler. In infancy he came to Monticello with his parents and attended both the grade and high schools here. On Sept. 2, 1903, he was united in marriage to Inez Kilgore, the ceremony taking place in Monticello. His career as a Monticello businessman began 44 years ago, when, at the age of 15, he became associated with his father in conducting a general store. Some years later the Peoples Supply Company was formed and he became a member of the firm and had been active in its operation ever since.

The passing of Mr. Steinmann removes from our midst a robust, refreshing individual, whose every day presence in the business district will be missed much by his many friends and acquaintances. News of his passing was received with sincere and deep regret by the myriad of friends with whom he had come into contact during the many years in which he was associated with Monticello business interests. "Stein," as he was familiarly referred to by many of his friends, was the type of individual who could laugh just as heartily at a joke aimed at him as when he executed the same at another's expense.

Mr. Steinmann was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, the Order of Eastern Star of Monticello, past master of the Monticello Union lodge, and of the New Glarus chapter.

Survivors are his widow, one son, Gordon K. Steinmann, Madison; two brothers, Fred H. and John C. Steinmann, two sisters, Mrs. H. L. Karlen and Mrs. M. E. Lynn, all of Monticello, and one grandson, Richard Lee Steinmann, Madison. His parents, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death, his father having passed away Aug. 28, 1942, at the age of 88 years.

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