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John C. Steinmann Is Found Dead in Monticello Home

John C. Steinmann, 55, Monticello architect and contractor closely identified with civic affairs, was found dead in bed about 1:30 Saturday afternoon in his house in Monticello. Death was attributed to an attack of heart disease suffered about six hours earlier, according to physician's report.

Mr. Steinmann was found by business associates of the Karlen and Steinmann Lumber company who became worried when he failed to report for work Saturday. He had been downtown Friday evening and had visited with friends. Mrs. Steinmann was in River Falls, called there by the illness of a brother.

Funeral services are to be conducted at 2 Tuesday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church by Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor. Masonic services will be conducted at the grave in Highland cemetery. The body was taken this afternoon from the Voegeli funeral home to the Steinmann residence and will remain there until noon tomorrow when it will be taken to the church.

Talented in the architectural field, Mr. Steinmann had planned the modern homes in Monticello built in what is known as the Steinmann addition. He had blueprinted homes for others in this vicinity, had drawn plans for the beautiful and unusual Gonstead Clinic building in Mr. Horeb and for a doctor's home in Dubuque. He was affiliated in the Karlen and Steinmann Lumber company with a brother, Fred H. Steinmann and a brother-in-law, H. L. Karlen. The company originally was known as the Studley and Karlen Lumber company, Mr. Steinmann, Sr., purchasing the interest of F. K. Studley in 1904. The senior Steinmann was president of the company at the time of his death Aug. 28, 1942.

He was born Feb. 28, 1889, in Monticello, the son of John C. and Barbara Legler Steinmann. He attended Monticello grade school, Mondovi high school and Beloit college, and on Nov. 14, 1912, married Martha T. Linehan of River Falls, the ceremony being solemnized in Milwaukee. Mr. Steinmann, at one time, was in Ashland for a short space, engaged in practical operation of his architect's profession, but had lived virtually his entire life in Monticello.

He was active in membership of the Zwingli church and of the Masonic lodge No. 155.

Surviving, besides the widow, are two sons in service. First Lt. John W. Steinmann, instructor at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and Lt. Howard R. Steinmann, with a Marine headquarters company in the Pacific theater; two grandchildren, the twin son (and daughter) of Lt. and Mrs. John W. Steinmann; a brother, Fred H., Monticello, and two sisters, Mrs. H. L. Karlen and Mrs. M. E. Lynn, Monticello.

A daughter Jane Ann, his parents, two brothers and a sister are deceased. The one brother, George C. Steinmann, died in December 1942 of heart disease a few months after his father passed away.