

A Former Bank President Who Was Prominent

Throughout This Section Of Ohio Died At St. Sebastian Sunday

FRANK SCHWIETERMAN

Passed Away Following An Illness That Was Extended Many Months

Death entered the St. Sebastian community on Sunday, July 2, 1938, and removed a man who had been prominent in all affairs there over a long period of time. Following an illness that had extended over many months Mr. Frank Schwieterman passed away at the age of sixty-five years. To the people outside of the immediate vicinity of St. Sebastian he is remembered more universally as the president of The Farmers bank, which operated at Chickasaw for a long while. He was connected with this institution when it closed business several months ago and since that time he engaged himself in prosecuting a farm business.

He began life as a farmer and had a successful career in that line. Because of a burning ambition to succeed in every endeavor to which he laid his hands he amassed a large circle of acquaintances and friends. During the time when the members of the St. Sebastian parish were laying their plans to erect a new church house he was placed on the building committee and in this capacity he rendered large service.

He was a member of a family that contributed many active citizens to the civil life in Mercer county as the years followed one another down the avenues of time. It is recorded that the deceased's grand father went into the St. Sebastian community ninety-eight years ago and purchased the home on which this man lived for so many years. This grandfather was prominent in his day as was also the father and mother of the subject of this narrative, and they were Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Schwieterman, now both deceased.

Frank Schwieterman was born at St. Sebastian on October 11, 1870, and he lived in that community all of his life. He accepted the provisions established for training the youth in that locality and was efficient in many ways when he became a young man. He rose to prominence very rapidly and retained the confidence of the people as long as he lived.

On November 29, 1893, he was united in marriage with Agnes Stammes and they solved life's problems together until this sad incident. Along with the wife the following children survive Mr. Schwieterman: John Schwieterman at Colina; Mrs. Albert Klosterman at Montezuma, Ohio; Neal Schwieterman at Dayton, Ohio; Florens and Walter Schwieterman at Syracuse, Kansas; Mrs. Henry Stacks at Cranberry Prairie, Ohio; Ernest Schwieterman at St. Sebastian; Leander and Geneva living at the parents' home.

One son, Arthur, died six years ago while another child died during infancy.

A sister, Mrs. Josephine Schmitt, is living at Colina, while a brother, George Schwieterman resides at St. Sebastian.

There are fourteen living grand children.

On Thursday morning the funeral was held at the St. Sebastian church when a Solemn Requiem High Mass was intoned. The officiating priests were Rev. Ernest Esterle as celebrant; Rev. Sebastian Krenschel, C. P. S., as subdeacon and Rev. Roman Schwieterman, C. P. S., as deacon.

Interment was made in the St. Sebastian cemetery.