

Walter Muehl death notice.

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Walter Muehl, Village President, Dies Monday, Funeral Services Thursday

The community was saddened this week when it became known that Walter M. Muehl, our Village President, had passed away at Burlington hospital on Monday evening, the victim of leukemia, from which he has been suffering for the past five months.

Walter, as we all knew him, was a public official for many years. He loved the work of service to his community, and served in many capacities from Graded School Board member, to a member of the Village Board and from thence to the Presidency of the Board and to County Supervisor. From this fine record it can be told that he served with great satisfaction in all of these capacities.

Walter Martin Muehl was born in Muskego November 11, 1895, the son of George and Rachel (nee Buss) Muehl, and was confirmed March 20, 1910 at St. Paul's Lutheran church at Tess Corners. April 21, 1917 he was united in marriage to Esther Louise Bucholtz, after which they moved to Waterford to make their home. Mr. Muehl was employed as an equipment operator for 27 years for the old T.M.E.R. & L. Co., and later for the Milwaukee Electric Co., when the company changed its official name. Mr. Muehl was a member of the Waterford Civic Club, the Norway - Muskego Lutheran Brotherhood and the Modern Woodman Lodge.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Marion (Mrs. Glen Cook) and Elaine (Mrs. David Nelson, of Waterford); two sisters, Mrs. George Pellman, of Milwaukee, and Mrs. Mabel Hanson, of Biloxi, Miss.; three brothers, Ben of Big Bend, Wilfred of Milwaukee, and George of Muskego.

Mr. Muehl's public career dates back more than 17 years when he first served as a member of the Waterford Graded School Board. He was elected as a member of the Village Board of Trustees in 1934, and in 1935 was elected as President of the Board which situation he held for five years. On October 8th he was appointed to the County Board of Supervisors to fill out a term caused by the death of A. G. Scheele and served in that capacity for two years until April 1st, 1947. In 1949 he was again elected President of the Village Board of Trustees which situation he has held continuously until his death. Alfred Plucker has been currently serving as Acting Village President during Mr. Muehl's recent illness.

Walter had the temperament of a true public servant. He was always willing to listen to both sides of an issue, never narrow-minded and at all times he was willing to see that true justice was done. His interest in village affairs commanded the confidence and respect of the townspeople. He had a way of enlisting the co-operation and confidence of his Board to the extent that village affairs have progressed without serious dissention for many years.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from the Norway-Muskego Lutheran church, with Rev. Charles Paulson officiating. Interment will take place in the family lot at Norway Hill cemetery.

Waterford loses its leading citizen in Mr. Muehl's untimely demise, and in token of esteem and respect many of the business places of the village plan to close their doors from 2 to 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon of this week to attend the funeral — a worthy tribute to a worthy public servant, husband and father.