

JOHN D. ZIMMERMAN

Feb. 21 1920 - July 8, 1985

MONTICELLO-John D. Zimmerman, 65, 635 Park Ave., Monticello, died early Monday morning, July 8, 1985, on arrival at University Hospitals, Madison, after becoming ill.

He was born in New Glarus Township, Green County, Feb. 21 1920, the son of David and Verena (Rhyner) Zimmerman. He attended the Meadow Valley Rural School and New Glarus High School. He was married to Marian Elmer March 15 1941, in St. John's Church, by the late Rev. P. C. Kehle.

Mr. Zimmerman was employed by Voegeli Hardware in Monticello and then purchased the Elmer Moritz Gas business there. He later sold the business to Marty Oil Co. where he was employed for a time. He then purchased the City Service Bulk Plant at Monticello, which he operated as Zimmerman Oil Co. He sold his firm to Francois Oil Co. in 1974 after spending 28 years in the oil business. After retiring, he worked part-time for Morman Feed Co. and Karlen Ford Co. in Monticello.

A veteran of World War II, he entered the U.S. Army July 4, 1942, in Milwaukee and was discharged Dec. 26, 1945, at Camp McCoy. He held the rank of Tech/5 in the Army, serving with Battery C, 135th Field Artillery Battalion. He served overseas from Feb. 8 1943, to Dec. 16 1945, and fought in the Battles of Tunisia and Rome-Arno.

He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and five Overseas Bars. He served as a chauffeur for Winston Churchill, British wartime prime minister, and for other high-ranking British and American Army officers.

Surviving are his wife, Marian, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, in 1920, his father, in 1944, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Frick Durst, May 31, 1984.

The deceased was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, and a member of the New Glarus Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, the Madison Scottish Rite Valley of Wisconsin and the Order of White Shrine No. 6 of Jerusalem. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2312 of Monroe, and was an honorary member of the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. The Rev. Don G. Nelson, interim pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Swiss Church Cemetery, New Glarus, with full military honors.

Friends may call at the Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday where Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m.