

Casper Blum, 77, Dies Tuesday A. M. of Heart Attack

Oct. 8, 1877 - Sept 27, 1955

Casper Blum, 77 years of age, Monticello resident for many years, and a veteran of the Spanish~American war, passed away at 6:30 Tuesday morning in his home as he was dressing for 'the day. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He had been in failing health for about a month.

Born in Monroe Oct. 8, 1877, he was the son of John and Anna Becker Blum. He attended schools in Monroe, Milwaukee and Monticello. In 1902 he was united in "marriage in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Della Hyde. He was a former rural mail carrier and also managed the local village utility at one time. For some time he owned a farm implement business here and later operated a grocery store in Monticello.

On Dec. 29, 1898, Mr. Blum enlisted with the United States army for service during the Spanish-American war, serving for three years. He was discharged Dec. 28, 1901, as a Lance Corporal with Co. L, 12th U. S. Infantry. '

Mr. Blum was a member of Monticello Union lodge No. 155, Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Monroe Commandery.

Funeral Services Today

Funeral services will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Gibson, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren church, officiating. Masonic and military rites will be held at the graveside in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Wm. V. Baebler, Wilbert J. Dick, Louis Frey, Raymond H. Gessler, C. M. Stauffer and W. L. Wichser.

Mr. Blum is survived by two grandsons, Keith Freitag and Ronald Freitag, both; of Madison. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Alta Marie Freitag, in May, 1934, his wife in 1944, one brother, John, one sister, Mrs. Ernest Robert, his father in 1908, and his mother in 1951.