

## THOMAS H. BRUSVEEN

Thomas H. Brusveen, age 91, a well known Monticello resident died Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at the Monroe Manor. Tom was born December 25, 1908 in York Township, Green County, Wisconsin, the son of Hans and Bertha (Erickson) Brusveen. Tom attended Barber School in Milwaukee and worked as a barber in Janesville for three years before moving to Monticello. He married Crystal Lien on June 18, 1938 at York Memorial Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death on July 18, 1997.



Mr. Brusveen entered the U.S. Army on July 4, 1942 at Ft. Sheridan, IL. He served as a Private 1st Class with the 31st Chemical Weapons Service (Decon) in the European Theater. Tom received the Good Conduct Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead. He served in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 25, 1945 at Camp Fannin, TX.

He then returned to Monticello and worked as a barber until May of this year when he was forced to quit due to ill health. He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, Monticello Area Historical Society, Monticello Lions Club, Monticello Industrial Development Corp, Sons of Norway-Vennelag #513 of Mt. Horeb, Antique Wheeler Car Club, Past Commander of Amstutz-Marty American Legion Post #256 of Monticello, involved with the 1977 production of the Monticello Past and Present Booklet, and taught Norwegian Class in Monticello for several years. Tom also spearheaded the original Lake Montesian project and was instrumental in bringing Dr. Aquino to Monticello.

He loved fishing, gardening, photography, and traveled extensively in Europe. He will be dearly missed by his family as well as his barber customers and many friends.

Survivors include two sisters, Dora Kittleson, Mt. Horeb; Mabel Jorenby, Hastings, MN; a sister-in-law, Avis Brusveen, New Glarus; nieces, nephews, and long-time friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Brusveen and a brother-in-law, Byron Kittleson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 1, 2000, at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiated. Interment was in York Memorial Lutheran Church Cemetery, Rural Blanchardville. A memorial fund has been established in Thomas' name.