

Ralph Kehm

Feb. 1, 1907 - Aug. 8, 1983

Ralph Kehm, 76, Monticello, died Monday, Aug. 8, 1983, in Scripps Memorial Hospital, San Diego, Calif., while visiting his son in San Diego.

The son of William and Ella Eppler Kehm, he was born on Feb. 1, 1907, in Lee County, Ill. He attended Compton High School, and on April of 1934 he was married to Madeline Ackerson in Rockford, Ill. She died Sept. 15, 1952. On July 17, 1961, he was married to Charolette Hawkins at Dubuque, Iowa.

He farmed in the Rockford, Durand and Rochelle, Ill., areas before moving to rural Monticello in 1954. He continued to farm until 1975 and then moved into the village of Monticello, where he owned and operated Kehm Trucking Service until the present time.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) at the Gohlke-Sharer Funeral Home in Albany. Rev. James McClurg officiated and graveside services were held at the Restland Cemetery, Mendota, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Charolette, Monticello; their children, William Kehm, San Diego, Calif., Bruce Kehm, rural Monticello, Mrs. Charles (Janet) Helwig, Durand, Ill., Jeffrey Kehm, Albany, Robert Thompson, and Dennis Thompson, Janesville, Mrs. Brian (Kenlyn) Mankowski, Monticello, Mrs. Randy (Carla) Smith, Brodhead, Kelvin Blazer, Monticello, Mrs. Charles (Kolleen) Welty, Monticello, Mrs. Jeffrey (Kristine) Dupler, Jackson, Mo., and Mrs. Rick (Karen) Hendrickson, Barneveld. Also, 23 grandchildren and two great-grandsons; two brothers, Harold Kehm, Steward, Ill., and Alvin Kehm, Pawpaw, Ill.; and three sisters, Mrs. Berthal (Lucille) Dennis, Rochelle, Ill. Mrs. Oliver (Helen) Zimmerman, Mendota, Ill., and Mrs. Sulo (DeElda) Asp, Rockford, Ill.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Edgar; and two sisters, Mrs. Charles (Louise) Mosiman and DelDora Kehm.