

Frank Pierce, Age 78, Spanish War Vet, Dies Thursday

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Funeral services for Frank Pierce, 78 years of age a former Monticello farmer and the last surviving Spanish-American War veteran member of the Amstutz-Marty post, American Legion, who passed away at 5 p. m. on Thursday of last week in the Veterans hospital at Wood, were held at 2 Monday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home here.

The Rev. Paul J. Gibson, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren church here, officiated and burial was in Highland cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Amstutz-Marty American Legion post. Pallbearers were John Schmid, Brodhead, Stillman Huntley, Sam Pierce, Fred Stauffer, Jacob Stauffer and Jacob Wittenwyler. Mr. Pierce, who had resided in Monroe since 1948, had been in poor health since suffering a stroke in 1945. He had been a patient at Wood since April 19.

Born in Monticello

The son of James and Susan Baxter Pierce, he was born in Monticello July 17, 1877. He attended the Monticello schools. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War in April, 1898, and was discharged the following September.

He was united in marriage on April 4, 1904, to Myrtle Cotherman, the ceremony taking place in Freeport. He farmed with his brother, Ira, on the Pierce farm at the south edge of Monticello until his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1954.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Raymond, at home; a sister, Mrs. M. J. Magoon, Gladstone, Mich.; and one grandson, Staff Sgt. James F. Pierce, who had been at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill., but who is now stationed in Korea.

Mr. Pierce was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur, 1946, and Ira B., 1952, and three sisters, Mrs. Ed. Wittwer, 1937, Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, 1911, in Beaver Dam, and Mrs. John Falter, Janesville.