

Ernie E. Strause

MONTICELLO — Ernie E. Strause, 71, of Monticello, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997 at the University of Wisconsin Veterans Hospital in Madison.

He was born July 25, 1925 in Muscatine, Iowa, the son of John C. and Hazel V. (Goodman) Strause. He attended schools in Fruitland, Iowa. He married Mary June Fischer Oct. 23, 1943 in Muscatine.

Mr. Strause entered the U.S. Army on Dec. 2, 1943 at Camp Dodge in Iowa and was discharged on March 8, 1946. He served as a corporal in the 668th Field Artillery Battalion in the Pacific Theater for one year and four months. Decorations included the American Theater Service medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service medal, two Overseas Service Bars and a Good Conduct medal.

He and his wife moved to Monticello in 1946 and later moved to the Darlington-Gratiot area where they farmed from 1950 to 1965. He returned to the Monticello area and farmed in Mount Pleasant township and later worked for Carnes Corp. in Verona until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, American Legion Zilmer Riley Post 84, Veterans of Foreign Wars Cecil Jones Post 2312, Monroe Moose Lodge 754, Forty and Eight Green County Voiture 1121 and past commander of the Green County Council of the American Legion and a life-time member of the American Legion Past Commanders Club. He was former third District American Legion Vice Commander and a commander of Monticello Amstutz-Marty Post 256.

Survivors include his wife Mary June; two sons, Larry (Carol) Strause, Monticello, and John (Laura) Strause, Shullsburg; two daughters, Mrs. LaVerne (Judy) Crooks and Patty Blumer, all of Monticello; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth (Sylvia) Herlein, Verona.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Gerald, Weldon, Ivan, and Lloyd Strause Sr. and a half-sister, Lulu Carter.

Funeral services are at 11 am. Saturday at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. The Rev. Lawrence Balleine will officiate. Burial is in Highland Cemetery, Monticello, with full military rites.

Friends may call from 5 to 8:30 pm. Friday at Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello, and at 10 am. until the hour of service Saturday at the church.

A memorial has been established in his name.

