

Ernest C. Waeffler

Dec 29, 1893 - Aug 6, 1975

Ernest C. Waeffler, 81, 800 13th Ave., active in veteran affairs and former dairy products distributor, died today, at 4:35 am. in St. Clare Hospital. He had been admitted as a medical patient on July 25.

Mr. Waeffler, had served at an alderman in Monroe in the 1930's, was commander of the American Legion Zilmer-Riley Post in 1941-42 and was a quartermaster and adjutant of the Green County Barracks of World War I and also an honorary commander

Mr. Waeffler, serving as quartermaster of the Green County Barracks of World War I, was honored at a surprise testimonial dinner in March, 1973, in recognition of his many years of service as an officer. In March, 1972, he was awarded a plaque for his services with the Cecil Jones Post 2312 of the VFW, of which he was a member.

He served with Hdqs. Company of the 315th Field Artillery, during World War I . He enlisted on June 23, 1918, at Wheaton, Minn. He went overseas Sept. 25, 1918, to April 29, 1919, serving in France. He was discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on May 18, 1919.

A former Dean Products distributor, he started in the milk delivery business on Sept 5 1922 when he became a route salesman. on May 1, 1925, he purchased the Brown Swiss Dairy. This was in the days of horse and wagon deliveries. The business expanded and progressed through the depression of the 30's and the World War 2, 1940's. He. managed the Brown Swiss Dairy for 25 years until he resigned, in 1946, to become a Dean Milk distributor. He sold his routes in January 1951, and retired, working part-time for a while as night watchman at Oaktron and salesman for the Nutrilite Food Supplement Co.

Born on Dec. 29, 1893, in Buckskin Hollow, Green County, he was the son of Gottfried and Louise Isely Waeffler. He attended school in Wheaton, Minn. He moved to Iowa in 1901 with his parents and back to Minnesota in 1904. He was married on Sept. 5, 1920, to the former Mildred Gordon Saunders in Wheaton, Minn. They moved to Monroe in April, 1922. He then was employed by the Isely Construction Co. He also operated the "Why-Not Lunch" on the south side of the square at one time.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Pierceson, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Joan Peavy, Midland, Tex.; two brothers, Alfred, Brodhead, and Willard. Evansville; three sisters, Mrs. Pauline Neumann, Wheaton, Minn; Mrs. Caroline Hanson, Tintah, Minn.; Mrs. Anna Egger, Milwaukee; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Oct. 31, 1969, in Monroe; a brother, George, in 1941, in Yakima, Wash., and a sister in infancy.

He was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held Sat, Aug. 9 at 10:30 am. in Shriner-Neushwander Funeral Home, Rev. Duane McDondugh of the Union Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Washington Church Cemetery, Washington Township. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 7 to 9 pm.



A memorial has, been established