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*January 5, 1989*  
**Rites Friday  
for Mrs. Pierce**

Ruth Pierce, 89, Milan, Mo., formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday evening in Milan.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a. m. at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. For additional information, friends may contact Smith Funeral Home.

Survivors include one daughter Betty Ballard, Green City, Mo.; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister Helen Seaverns, Grinnell, and one brother, Ferris Seaverns, New Sharon.

**Ruth Pierce  
services held**

Ruth L. Pierce, 89, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Leewood Manor in Milan, Mo.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma, with the Rev. Harley Schull of the Grinnell Church of the Nazarene officiating. Pallbearers were Ralph Brown, Harold Hanson, Larry Innis, Fred Martin, Richard M. Mains and Bernard Simonons.

The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell was in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Lyman and Sarah Elizabeth Cowell Seaverns, she was born April 14, 1899, near Princeton, Ill.

The family lived in Boose and Montezuma where she attended school.

She came to Grinnell in 1914 and worked as a cook at Grinnell College, the former Raven restaurant, St. Francis Hospital and the Happy Hour Nursing Home. In later years she worked as a housekeeper and babysitter for Grinnell-area families. She was a member of the Grinnell Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Ballard of Green City, Mo.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Ferris L. Seaverns of New Sharon; and a sister, Helen Seaverns of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

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*January 9, 1989*

**Ruth V. Pierce**

Ruth V. Pierce, 60, of Prairie Homes, New Sharon, formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, while visiting her son in Pittsburg, Kan.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dennis D. Niles, pastor of the New Sharon Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom.

Mrs. Pierce is survived by six sons, Roger of Pittsburg, Michael of Oskaloosa, Melvin of Pella, Alan of New Sharon, Dennis of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio and Stephen of the Air Force in Louisiana; two daughters, Sherri Remmers of St. Cloud, Minn., and Janet Baker of New Sharon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Pierce, and her parents, Ralph and Alice Dost Beck.

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*September 13, 1990*

**Ruth V. Pierce**

Ruth V. Pierce, 60, of New Sharon, formerly of Grinnell, died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday, Sept. 12, while visiting her son in Pittsburg, Kan.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dennis D. Niles, pastor of the New Sharon Assembly of God, officiating. Organist was Eleanor Coster, and vocalist was Phil DeBoef. Pallbearers were Ron Baker, John Claussen, Walt Claussen, Daniel Fisk, Kenneth McNaul and Jim Pierce.

Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcom.

The daughter of Ralph Emerson and Alice Margaret Dost Beck, she was born Jan. 22, 1930, in Grinnell. She attended Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1946.

She was married to Raymond Francis Pierce June 13, 1948, in Grinnell. The couple lived in several communities before moving to Sigourney in 1970. Following the death of her husband in 1984, Mrs. Pierce went with her son to Santa Lucia near Venice, Italy, for three years. While

there, she served for 2,000 hours with the American Red Cross. Mrs. Pierce moved to New Sharon in 1987. While there she was a member of the Assembly of God and the church's Women's Mission Society.

She is survived by six sons, Roger of Pittsburg, Michael of Oskaloosa, Melvin of Pella, Alan of New Sharon, Dennis of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio and Stephen of the Air Force in Louisiana; two daughters, Sherri Remmers of St. Cloud, Minn., and Janet Baker of New Sharon; 15 grandchildren; and three brothers, Kenneth Beck of Dubuque, Donald of South Bend, Ind., and Robert of Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, Thomas and Kevin; one granddaughter; her parents; a brother, Jerry Beck; and a half-brother, Harold Dost.

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*September 17, 1990*