

Jesse Pierce services set

Jesse Pierce, 73, of Gilman died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Saturday at the Americana Nursing Home in Waterloo.

Funeral services are set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

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H-R November 17, 1988 Jesse Pierce rites conducted

Jesse F. Pierce, 73, of the Town House Apartments, Gilman, died Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Americana Nursing Home in Waterloo.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Claussen, pastor of the Kellogg Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist was Mark Dunning. Pallbearers were Curtis Graff, Kyle Graff, Scott Kulas, Wade Hall, Justin Phipps, Douglas Pierce, Ted McCammant and Tracy McCammant. Honorary bearers were Dale Graff, Roger Hillstrom, Tracy Johnson, Dale Pierce and Michael Rubino.

Graveside rites were conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

The son of Robert and Naomi Reavis Pierce, he was born April 7, 1915, at Madison, S.D. The family moved to the Grinnell area where he attended rural schools.

He was married to Shirley A. Linaweaver at Rowan May 5, 1943. The family lived in various Iowa communities before moving to Grinnell in 1958. While living here, Mr. Pierce worked as a machinist and for the sanitation and cemetery departments.

Following the death of his first wife, he was married to Ione Melde Dec. 13, 1961, in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell, Minneapolis, Minn., and Missouri, retiring to Gilman in December 1978.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his wife, Ione; his mother, Naomi Pierce of Grinnell; two sons, David of Manhattan, Kan., and Douglas of Montour; four daughters, Phyllis Phipps, Janelle Graff, Sheryl McCammant and Carla Pierce, all of Grinnell; two stepdaughters, Judy Hillstrom of Blaine, Minn., and Joann Mullens of Dassel, Minn.; two stepsons, John Melde of Dassel and James Melde of Duluth, Minn.; 21 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, James of Grinnell; and four sisters, Ruth Dunning of Grinnell, Pauline Claussen of Kilduff, Mae Graham of Buckley, Wash., and Patty Callire of Orlando, Fla. He was preceded in death by his first wife; his father; and one brother, Francis Pierce.