

Ray E. Blum

Dec. 4, 1907 - Feb. 27, 1990

Ray E. "Coley" Blum, 82, Monticello, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1990, in St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, where he was admitted earlier in the day.

Born Dec. 4, 1907, in New Glarus, he was the son of Emil and Margaret (Marty) Blum. He graduated from Monticello High School in 1927 and was a member of the Monticello High School basketball team playing in the 1927 state tournament.

He married the former Wilma M. Zumkehr March 12, 1941, in Dubuque, Iowa, and had since lived in Monticello where he worked as a mechanic at Karlen Ford Garage and later for the Village of Monticello. He then operated the Citgo Service Station there from 1956 to 1962, and was employed by the Monticello Public Schools from 1962 to 1974 as a bus driver and in maintenance.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Diane K. Blum, at home, and Mrs. Carole (Pete) Goepfert, Monroe; a sister, Margaret Blum, Monticello; niece and nephew, Carla Albertson, New Glarus, and Buzz (Dorcn) Blum, Nashotah; several great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were twin sons, Daryl and Duane, in 1942; a sister, Dolores in 1955, and a brother, Lawrence, 1956.

Funeral services were held Friday at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, where he was a member. The Rev. Erwin Pegel officiated. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Pallbearers were Doren Blum, Brian Blum, A.J Jegerlehner, Max Schuett, Darold Albertson and Karl Duerst.

Voegeli Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.