

**Sgt. James F. Pierce**  
**Oct. 4, 1932 - Jan. 24, 1975**

An Air Force career man, Chief Master Sgt. James Franklin Pierce, 42, formerly of Monroe and Monticello, died of an apparent heart attack on Friday, Jan. 24, at Clark Air Force Base in The Philippines. He had been in service since Oct. 18, 1950.

The flag-draped casketed body of Sgt. Pierce is being returned under Air Force escort. Arrangements are pending at the Newcomer Funeral Home of Monroe. There will be full-military rites at Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Sgt. Pierce is the son of Raymond Pierce, 702 17th Ave., Monroe, and Mrs. Ethel Gunderson, El Paso, Tex. He has a daughter, Carolyn Sue Pierce, Monroe.

He was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Monroe, a son of Raymond and Ethel Lyman Pierce. He attended Monticello schools and graduated from Monroe High School in 1950. He attended the University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois during his military career. He had served at Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases in Texas; Hickham, in Hawaii; Greenfield, Mississippi, and Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. He had assignments to Southeast Asia several times and served in the Korean Conflict 1955-56. His present assignment was with the Headquarters 405th Combat Support in The Philippines. In 1972 Sgt. Pierce was awarded for his outstanding work as a member of the Directorate of Personnel Department of the Air Force while serving in Thailand.

Sgt. Pierce was a member of the United Methodist Church at Honolulu, Hawaii. He was especially active and interested in sports.