

Mary Lenora Pierce
Aug. 16, 1906 - Sept. 23 1995

Mary Lenora Pierce died Sept. 23, 1995, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital Division.

Mary was born Aug. 16, 1906, New Boston, IL. She was the daughter of William and Mary Gibbs Whitlow.

Her early life was spent in Muscatine, IA. She married Elmer C. Fischer in 1923; married Lloyd J. Axtell in 1946 and Raymond Pierce in 1979. All preceded her in death.

Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church, Monroe, Amstutz- Marty American Legion Auxiliary Unit 256 and the VFW Auxiliary No. 2312.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary (Ernie) Strause, Monticello: one brother, Peter M. Whitlow, Tehachapi, CA.: Two sons-in-law, Ernie Strause, Monticello and Herbert Naber, Muscatine, IA; two daughters-in-law, Myra Axtell, Warner Robins, GA and Kathy Pierce, Monroe. Grand-children, Mrs. Judy (LaVerne) Crooks, Larry (Carol) Strause, Carolyn Pierce and Patty Blumer, Monticello. John (Laura) Strause of Shullsburg. Fourteen great-grandchildren, thirteen great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, George Whitlow, New Boston, IL., William (Babe), Floyd, Donald, and John Whitlow of Muscatine, IA.; one sister, Mildred Janney, Muscatine, IA.; one son Clifford Axtell, Warner Robins, GA.; one grandson, Thomas Axtell and two great-granddaughters Kelli Shewbert, Las Vegas, NV. and Melissa Cole, Boon, IA.

Visitation will be Sept. 28, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello.

Funeral Services will be held on Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. at Zwingli UCC, Monticello with interment in Highland cemetery, Monticello.