

Josephine Pierce Zimmerman

1886—1911

Josephine Pierce, brief mention of whose sorrowful demise was chronicled in these columns last week, was a native of Monticello, the youngest daughter of James and Susie Pierce, born on the 22nd of August, 1886. Up to the time of her marriage her entire life had been spent in this vicinity, where from a little girl up she had always been loved and respected by all with whom she came in contact. Her pleasing personality, graceful manners and friendly disposition won for her the admiration and respect of young and old alike, and it was because of her many endearing and commendable traits of character that the news of her sudden death came as a crushing blow not only to those nearest and dearest to her, but to the entire community as well. As stated in last week's issue, she gave birth to a baby girl a week before and was apparently doing as well as could be expected up to the day of her death, when the attending physician deemed an operation necessary. Dissolution occurred at 6 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 26, 1911, shortly after she rallied from the influence of the anesthetic.

The deceased was married to Louis H. Zimmerman on the 22nd of May, 1907 and, besides the bereaved husband, she is survived by the baby and a little daughter, two and one-half years old, who thus early in life are bereft of a mother's loving and tender care. She is also survived by her father, three, sisters and three brothers. The sympathy of all goes out to the sorrowing ones in their great and irreparable loss.

The remains were brought here on Tuesday evening last from her late home at Beaver Dam, and the funeral was held on the following day at 2 o'clock from the Pierce home. Rev. Muehlmeier, pastor of the German Reformed church, officiated. A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed, and especially noticeable were the many and beautiful floral offerings.

Those present from a distance were: Chas. Zimmerman, Mrs. Ella Kloepel, Beaver Dam; Wm. Zimmerman, Channing, Mich; J. H. Falter and family, Janesville; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Magoon, Gladstone, Mich; Mrs. F. J. Zweifel, Milwaukee; John R. Evans, Freeport; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James and daughter, Thelma, Mrs. A. R. Wilkerson, Mrs. Thomas Fox, Miss Anna Knopel, Janesville; Rev. and Mrs. Ed. Knehans, Canton, Mo; Mrs. Harry French, Mrs. Grace Wallace, Madison; Fred Wild, Belleville; Mrs. J. T. Etter, Miss Lillian Owens, Monroe.