

Mrs. James Pierce Dies in Home Here After Brief Illness Pneumonia Causes Death At Age of 77 Years

Mrs. James E Pierce, aged 77, a native of this vicinity, who had spent practically all of her life in or near the village, answered the final summons at her home on Monroe street at 9 o'clock Monday morning, Jan. 21, 1936, her death taking place following a week's illness with pneumonia and complications. Mrs Pierce had been in poor health for some little time, but not until she was stricken with her fatal illness had her condition been such as to cause any undue alarm.

Verena Blum was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fridolin and Dorteia Steussy Blum, who were numbered among the pioneer settlers of this section of Green county. She was born on the homestead farm in Washington township, a few miles west of Monticello, on Dec. 3, 1858, and was the first of a family of eight children to be called by death.

On Sept. 25, 1875, she was united in marriage to Matthias Kundert, Milwaukee, where they lived until 1891, when they returned to Monticello. For a time thereafter they resided on the Blum homestead. Later they acquired a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, where Mr. Kundert passed away.

Her marriage to James E. Pierce occurred Dec. 16, 1903.

Mrs. Pierce is survived by the widower, a daughter, Mrs. F. J. Zweifel, Milwaukee; five grandchildren; six step-children, and seven brothers and sisters, as follows: Mrs. Anna Juingst, Fred S. Blum, and Edward J. Blum, Monticello; Mrs. Lena Wild, Beileville; Mrs. Kate Fischli, Milwaukee; Attorney Sam Blum, Monroe, and John A. Blum, Hampton, Iowa. Besides her first husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Mrs. Julia Lengacher, and two, sons, Fred and Edward J. Kundert.

Mrs. Pierce was a woman of many commendable qualities and news at her death has occasioned sincere regret among a large circle of friends in this vicinity and else where. She was not only a devoted wife and mother but an ideal neighbor who had always been held in high regard by those whom she numbered among her acquaintances.