

Services Set Friday For Joseph H. Ritter

Solemn Requiem High Mass will be sung at 9 a. m. Friday in St. Augustine's Church for Joseph H. Ritter, aged 73, lifelong Ministerite and one of the best-known residents of this community, who died at his home at 8:15 a. m. Tuesday after an illness of four months.

The Rev. William Meyer, pastor, will celebrate the mass. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ritter was a member of the Minister Volunteer Fire Department and served as fire chief many years ago. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of the church and held membership in the Minister Aerie of Eagles.

One of the oldest employees from the standpoint of service at the Minister Machine Company, he would have started his 49th year with the company next June 20.

In his earlier days with the machine-shop plant maintenance was one of his responsibilities. For the past several years he had been in charge of the company's stock room.

Mr. Ritter worked up to the time of his last illness, rejecting the thought of retirement. "Why retire now when the real rough work is over and things in the shop are so much easier?" was his reply to anyone who mentioned retirement.

He was born here May 1, 1883, the son of Daniel and Anna Pieper Ritter. He and Frances Meyer were married Aug. 28, 1906. She survives along with seven children, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The children are Mrs. Charles [Marian] Brockert of Dayton, Paul Ritter of New Bremen, Mrs. Don [Henrietta] Snider at home, Mrs. Gregory [Mabel] Gust of New Bremen, Mrs. Paul [Margaret] Pape of New Bremen, Mrs. Harold [Ruth] Criegio of Piqua, and Mrs. William [Velma] Stewart of Sidney.

Also surviving are a brother and three sisters, namely John Ritter of Minister, Mrs. Clara Dickman of Chicago, and Mrs. John Woehrmeyer and Mrs. Julius Woehrmeyer, both of Minister.

Arrangements were in charge of the Gilberg and Hegemier Funeral Home.