

Last Rites to be Friday for Robert V. Pierce

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of the Vision for Robert V. Pierce of 320 Woods Ave., who died Sept. 23 in the Salida Hospital at the age of 83 years. The Rev. Loyd Barnett of the United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

According to the Chaffee County Coroner, Mr. Pierce fell into the basement while speaking with men installing the furnace. He suffered a fractured skull and was taken to Salida Hospital where he died at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Pierce was born July 20, 1885 in Montevello, Mo. He was married to Hazel Maupin May 25, 1935 in Denver. Previous to his retirement in July 1955, he was supervisory agent with the D&RGW Railroad for 47½ years.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, and the Salida Lodge No. 808 B.P.O. Elks.

He is survived by his widow, Hazel; his brothers, Thomas S. Pierce of Salida and Zack B. Pierce of Durango; one nephew, Jack C. Pierce of Belmont, Calif.; a niece, Mrs. Mona Cox of Van Nuys, Calif. and three cousins.

The B.P.O. Elks No. 808, Salida, will have graveside services at Fairview Cemetery.

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John Held, accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Davidson sang "Take My Hand, Precious Lord." Mrs. Davidson also played several sacred selections.

Pallbearers were Theodore G. Argys, Jr., Robert Biglow, Herbert Cole, Robert F. Harrison, Wade Heister, Robert P. Rush. Honorary escorts were John M. Boyle, Logan Brookshire, Charles Elofson, Ralph Hassell, Paul H. Johnson, Frank Kimble, Dr. G. W. Larimer, Leslie J. Matthews, Roy K. Young and Ted McDowell.

The officers and members of the Salida Lodge of Elks and Rev. Barnett conducted the concluding services and burial at Fairview Cemetery, Salida.

Robert Pierce was born in Montevello, Mo., and as a young man moved to Hotchkiss where he was employed by the D&RGW Railroad. His entire working life was with the company. He moved to Salida 60 years ago and became supervisory agent with the railroad until his retirement in July, 1955. He was a lifelong member of United Methodist Church and was a member of the Salida B.P.O. Elks.

Mr. Pierce was well-known by the populace of this area and was very well respected by the railroad men with whom he worked for so many years. He was active in sports.