

Walter Pitcher

Died 28 1957
Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Walter L. Pitcher, 83, former Marshall County resident who was killed Thursday in a grade crossing accident in Milwaukee, were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church at Collins in charge of Pastor Cecil Ettenger of the Des Moines branch of Latter Day Saints.

Pallbearers were Milo, Howard and Merritt Pitcher, Jack Buchanan, Glen Pyle and Dale Huffacker. Burial was beside his wife in Evergreen Cemetery near Collins.

MR. PITCHER was born near Lena, Ill., Dec. 4, 1873, a son of Lorenzo and Aurora Austin Pitcher. When he was 12 years old the family moved to Nebraska and later farmed in Kansas before coming to Marshalltown by covered wagon in 1894.

He married Rittie Huffaker in this city March 4, 1895, and they farmed in Marshall and northern Jasper Counties for several years before buying a farm southeast of Collins. He farmed near Rhodes, Melbourne and Zearing from 1920 to 1942 when he retired and moved to Des Moines.

MRS. PITCHER died in 1952 and for the last two years he had made his home with his son, E. A. Pitcher, in Milwaukee. He was fatally injured when the car he was driving was struck by a switch train in Wauwatosa, a suburb of Milwaukee.

Besides his son, he is survived by a brother, Austin Pitcher of Collins, and two grandchildren.