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Pioneer and Veteran Called

Rufus E. Shumway was born in Oxford, Mass. June 1st, 1833. He came west to Minnesota in 1856, settling in Wilmington township, where he lived for a number of years when he moved across the line into Winnebago where he resided until his death. He was married to Miss Hannah E. Metcalf, March 4th, 1860. His wife and two children preceded him in death, his wife having died Dec 1st, 1913. Mr. Shumway crossed the great divide May 4th, 1921 at the ripe age of 87 years, 11 months and three days. One brother, three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive him. The children are Fred of LaCrosse and Edwin and Bertha of this place. His brother, Jerry, lives in Lyons, Nebraska and is nearly 94 years old. Mr. Shumway was a kind-hearted generous man, a good husband father and neighbor. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the 5th Minnesota infantry in the war of the rebellion. His grandfather had served in the Revolutionary War. He took a great interest in the boys of the world war.

He was laid to rest at the Portland Prairie cemetery Friday afternoon, Rev. J.C. Williamson, pastor of the M.E. church, officiating at the house and the church. Members of the American Legion acted as active pallbearers and marched in a body from the house to the grave. The honorary pall bearers were Moses Emery, O.J. Weida, Major Burns, Fred Monk, and Fred Theis, members of the G.A.R. The G.A.R. and the American Legion had charge of the services at the grave. The funeral was largely attended.