

T/5 Arden M. Piper

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Piper of Omro received a letter from their son, Pvt. Arden M. Piper, who is stationed in Holland, in which he informed them he had been guest at a private home there on two occasions. Private Piper has been stationed in Holland since September of this year.

COUNTY SOLDIER IS WITH TANK CREW THAT OUTSMARTED NAZIS

A Winnebago county soldier was the member of a tank crew which not long ago battled more than two days with a pair of German Tiger tanks and successfully returned to their outfit. The soldier is Pvt. Arden M. Piper, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Piper of Omro. The story of the experience of the tank crew was told in an army newspaper published in France as follows:

"Ordered to protect the left flank of an advancing task force at all costs, S/Sgt. John E. Black, of Manchester, Ga., platoon sergeant of a tank battalion, withstood enemy fire for two days and one night and brought his own tank and crew to safety.

"As he maneuvered into position the Germans opened fire on his tank, 'All-America No. One,' and other tanks in the column. His tank knocked out an antitank gun. Then he spotted two Tiger tanks and appealed for help. A TD which came to help him was knocked out and Sergeant Black was left alone with the two tanks closing in. Again he radioed for help and moved near a building which was set on fire. He backed up along side of a haystack, which was also fired by the enemy.

"He saw a patch of woods and sought this as a screening protection. The Germans fired point-blank at him through the woods, but he managed to get his tank to another building. Still the tanks closed in and fired simultaneously. No matter which way he moved an 88 shell would hit close by. One haystack was fired. He pushed it out of the way with his tank and took up a defensive position where he spent two days and one night fighting off the enemy until tank support came."

In a letter sent to his parents with the newspaper clipping Private Piper remarked that the tank mentioned, "The All-American," is "in the past now. Even champs get put out of commission over here," he added. A former student at Oshkosh High school the young man enlisted in the army last January and was last home on furlough in April.

Services are set for former police officer

Services for Arden Piper, 53, of 5091 Ripple Ave., Oshkosh, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Emmanuel United Church, the Rev. E.R. Rapp officiating. Burial will be in Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

Mr. Piper died Friday at Mercy Medical Center, following an extended illness.

The son of Cecil and Clara Piper was born in Oshkosh Sept. 24, 1924. He married Elaine Kargus June 20, 1946, in Pickett.

Mr. Piper served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Oshkosh Police Department for 25 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of the local police association.

Survivors include his widow; his parents of Omro; two daughters, Mrs. Curt (Shirley) Jawort, Oshkosh, and Mrs. Wayne (Sandra) Gehrke, Appleton; one sister, Dorothy Herbst, Oshkosh; one brother, Cecil J. Piper,

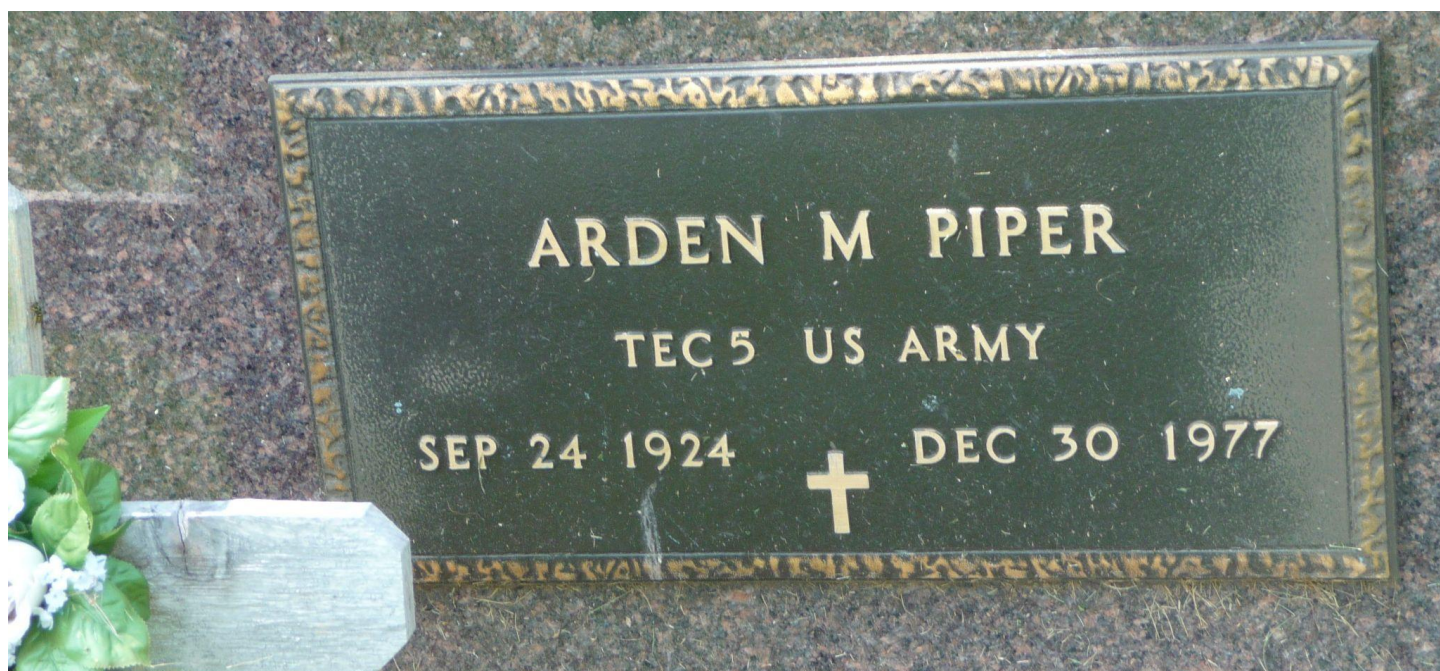
Pickett; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the Seefeld Eagle Street Chapel and Monday from noon until the time of services at Emmanuel United Church.



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T/5 Arden M. Piper, Pickett, Wis., was with Company E, 66th armored regiment. He began his term of service Dec. 27, 1943. He was in action in northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland and in central Europe. He was decorated with the victory medal. ETO ribbon with four bronze stars and three overseas bars.



Cpl. Arden M. Piper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Piper, Pickett, is serving with the Second armored division in Germany. He is stationed with the 66th armored regiment. He has been in service 18 months and overseas 12 months.