Mrs. Mary E. Gross, 85, died suddenly at her home in Colo, last Thursday, Aug. 24, at about 7:30 a.m. While Mrs. Gross, who had lived alone, had been in poor health for some time, she had not taken worse until about 11 o'clock the previous night.

Mary E. Basley was born on April 12, 1848, at Pawpaw, Ill., and passed away at her home in Colo on Thursday, Aug. 24, at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 12 days.

She became a member of the M. E. church at the age of 14 years and later joined the Evangelical church.

In 1866 she was married to William Bishop and to this union 3 daughters were born, all of whom have preceded her in death.

In 1883 she was again married to Cornelius Gross, one son coming to bless this union. The father passed away Sept. 7, 1900.

Mary Gross was the only survivor of a family of ten, living alone for 33 years.

She looked to her Saviour for guidance and comfort. She leaves to mourn her passing a son, Roy, of Glenwood; a niece, Mrs. Pearle Rucker, and a nephew, Ray Frenzel, of Belle Plaine, and a host of friends.