

Bridie, Neva

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MISS NEVA A. BRIDIE CALLED BY DEATH

The hosts of friends of Neva A. Bridie were immeasurably shocked and saddened to learn of her death, which occurred at her home in the Ashton community, Friday, Dec. 16, following an illness of about two weeks. Death resulted from pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from Ashton Chapel, in charge of Rev. MacDonald, pastor of the Colfax M. E. church. Interment was in Ashton cemetery.

She never had rugged physical health, but by persistent work and an indomitable spirit, she achieved a measure of worldly success and cultivated a beautiful spiritual life that many who are blessed with more fortunate circumstances and better opportunities might well envy. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which she joined at an early age, and was one of the active workers in the organized Sunday school class of Ashton Chapel.

She is survived by her father, William E. Bridie, now of Colfax, Ia., and by her mother, now Mrs. Mina Thomas, of Ira, Ia. Among many other relatives who also survive are her aunt, Mrs. Emma Stickley of Omaha, Neb.; her aunt, Mrs. Curtis Moore of Newton, Ia., and her uncles, Jack Bridie and Frank Bridie. The following named people are also related to her as cousins: Mrs. C. W. Otis of Omaha, Mrs. Alta Jones and Denver Cross of Ira, John Cross of Newton, Mrs. Coral Castor of Ira, Mrs. Kate Bair of Harrisburg, Neb.; Mrs. Lettie Leek of Lorimor, Ia.; Mrs. Esther Cannon of Hollandale, Minn., Mrs. Fern Zenor of Maxwell, Ia., and Mrs. Hazel Thomas. There are numerous other cousins and second cousins

OBITUARY

Neva A. Bridie was born May 4, 1900, in Ira, Jasper county, Iowa. She passed away December 16, 1932. She was the daughter of William E. Bridie and Mina Bridie. She lived all her life in this county except one year when she attended high school in Indianola, and one winter during which she attended Iowa State college at Ames. She was a graduate of the Mingo high school.

She had training as a nurse, and did a considerable amount of practical nursing. For more than a year she was employed as kitchen manager in the state school for girls at Mitchellville. She took a lively interest in outdoor work and was quite well known as a poultry fancier. She was also local correspondent for the Collins Gazette for a long time.

Neva had an infinite capacity for friendship, one of the finest of human attributes. Between her and Miss Leora Leonard, with whom she lived for many years, there existed a bond of friendship as close as that between Jonathan and David of the Scriptures of Damon and Pythias of the classical legend. Leora survives to mourn the passing of her friend, as does also Miss Grace Miller, a member of the same home.

A similar bond of friendship existed between her and Miss Lucille O'Donnell to whom she acted as a foster mother, with a bond of affection between them that many a natural

parent and child might envy.

All who knew her as either relative or friend may well say with Holmes of her passing:

Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken
string

Is set in Friendship's crown above.

As narrower grows the earthly chain
The circle widens in the sky.
These are our treasures that remain,
But these are stars that beam on high.

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