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Last Rites for Lydia Mae Etnier In Collins Church

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Collins, Aug. 29 — Funeral services for the late Lydia Mae Etnier, wife of the late Arthur Etnier, who passed away at her home in Collins Saturday morning from a heart ailment from which she had been suffering for several years, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the local Methodist church. Her pastor the Rev. Aldreth V. Weigel was in charge of the service there and at the grave.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Curtis Marsh, Mrs. L. D. Holland, R. A. Long and Milton Hale with Mrs. C. R. Stone at the piano sang "Under His Wings", "Beautiful Hands" and "Going Down the Valley". The second song "Beautiful Hands" was sung as a solo and chorus, Mrs. Marsh singing the solo part.

The floral offerings were both numerous and very lovely. They were arranged at the church and grave by Mrs. Calla Wood and Mrs. Dewey Kern.

Interment was in Evergreen cemetery by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death exactly two years ago.

Nephews acted as pallbearers and they were Harry Shearer, Hampton, Ray Shearer, Colo; Vernon Elbert, Cooksville, Ill.; Leonard Etnier, Sheffield; Jesse Arnold, Marshalltown and William Maisel, Iowa Falls. The following brief obituary was read by the pastor at the services.

Lydia May Etnier, wife of Arthur Etnier, was a daughter of Wm. and Amy McCleese. She was born near Collins, May 28, 1876 and departed this life at her home in Collins, Aug. 23, 1947, age 71 years 2 months and 26 days.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Etnier February 1, 1899 in Story county, Iowa and he preceded her in death two years ago to the day.

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To this union five children were born two boys and three girls all living in this community.

The first two years of her married life was spent on a farm north of Colo. Then having purchased the farm near Collins, which remains the Etnier homestead, they moved to this vicinity, establishing a home in which they remained until failing health compelled them to move to the present home in Collins, where she passed away.

She leaves to mourn her passing her children Mrs. Fred Elliott, Mrs. Marie Kilker, Mrs. Elmer Janes, Fred and Harold Etnier, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, a nephew, Ray Shearer, who was reared in the home, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She united with the Methodist church at a nearly age, which membership she retained until death.

She was a good wife a kind and loving mother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The services were largely attended, many coming from a great distance to pay their respects to one they had long known and loved.