

Coughenour, Emma May Rhinehart 1-20-1899

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Obituary.

Emma May Rhinehart Coughenour, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Rhinehart, was born in Carroll county, Ill. Sept. 15, 1864, and died Jan. 29, 1899; aged 34 years, 4 months, 5 days. When she was two years old the parents moved to Missouri and in the spring of 1867 they came to Story county, Iowa. She was married to John W. Coughenour Nov. 5, 1885. To them one child was born. A husband, daughter, father and mother, sister-in-law and a brother are left to mourn the loss of a loved one.

Mrs. Coughenour was converted when but 14 years old. When the Dalton class was organized in 1885 she united with the United Brethren church. Her christian life was exemplary and conscientious.

Her last testimony given in the Dalton church on Wednesday night preceding her death was, "I want to always let my light shine."

She was a good, loving, tender wife and mother, and to her beloved father and mother she was always a true daughter. Her rule was to go to their home every week, and father and mother never passed her home without a greeting from Emma.

The tribute of her strength as given by one of them was "She never spoke an unkind word to me." During her life she was very much afflicted by disease, her suffering many times being intense, yet patience and cheerfulness were characteristics of her life. She has many friends and neighbors who have been cheered and blessed by her kind-hearted generosity.

Her life went out very suddenly. She had been ailing for several days and on Thursday was confined to her bed. Friday morning she was better apparently and her husband went about his work.

Taking suddenly worse she was dead before 11 o'clock. Apoplexy, complicated with her heart disease, was the immediate cause of her death.

The funeral services were held at the Dalton church, her pastor, Rev. R. L. Purdy, officiating. The church would not contain the large number of friends who wished to pay a tribute of love and respect to a departed friend.

The funeral address was preached from Phil. 1:21, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Her body was laid to rest in the Coló cemetery, but her loved ones have a well founded hope that she is with her Savior, whom she loved so well.