

Matthews, Mary Steele J. 12-12-1919

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Mrs. G. W. Matthews

Mrs. Mary Steele Matthews was born in Monroe county, Ohio Feb. 25th 1856, departed this life to be with her maker, December 12th, 1919 at the age of 63 years, 9 months and 17 days.

She left Ohio and came with her parents to Taswell County, Illinois when eleven years of age. It was at that place she met George Matthews to whom she was united in marriage on August 2nd, 1874. In the year of 1892 they left Illinois and came to Wapello county, Iowa where they remained four years coming from there to Clark county where they resided until the death angel came to call her up higher.

To this union five children were born, the oldest son having proceeded her to the Great Beyond. Mrs. Matthews gave her heart to Christ at the early age of seventeen and has always lived as near as possible to the Golden Rule.

She was a great home builder and loved her home with a true mother love. She believed that the church and home were and should be linked together for the sake of humanity.

In her sickness she was very patient always thinking of those who were caring for her. She loved the church and was always in attendance if at all possible for she felt the need of the strength it gave in rearing the family God had given her.

She leaves to mourn her going a husband, who was her companion for almost a half century, one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Patterson of Collins, Iowa who was with her constantly during her last illness; three sons, Ralph Matthews of St. Charles, Iowa, Harley Matthews, of Des Moines, Ray Matthews of Osceola; thirteen grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters, besides a host of friends who will extend their deepest sympathy in the hour of bereavement.

"We loved her, yes we loved her,
But the angels loved her more.

And they have sweetly called her
To yonder shining shore.

The golden gates were open,
A gentle voice said come,
And with a farewell spoken
She calmly entered home.

The funeral service was held at Osceola, the late residence of the deceased. P. G. Dennis, pastor of the Christian church at that place officiating. The body was brought here for burial in the Collins cemetery, B. H. Coonradt, officiating. Interment taking place Tuesday at 3 P. M.