

Bates, Martha Stevens d. 5-05-1949

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Funeral services were held at the Collins Church of Christ Sunday afternoon at 2:30 for the late Mrs. Martha Bates, who passed away last Thursday night at Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Bates, a life-long resident of the Collins community, had been bedfast for the past three years.

Services were in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Henry Esch. Music consisted of two duets by Mrs. K. W. Tomlinson and Mrs. I. D. Mullihan, and a solo, "God's Tomorrow," by Mrs. Tomlinson, the piano accompanist being Mrs. Hugh Fertig.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Casket bearers were her grandsons, Richard Shope, Willard Johnstone, Doyle Snyder, Russell Hand, Howard Hand and Delane Hand.

Martha Rosella Stevens, daughter of Benjamin and Martha Stevens, was born near Collins, Ia., Jan. 1, 1870, and died at the Friendly Nursing home, Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 5, 1949, at the age of 79 years, 5 months and 5 days.

She was united in marriage to Walter Bates, Feb. 22, 1889. Eight children were born to this union: Mrs. Fay Neese, Collins, who preceded her in death eight years ago; Mrs. Blanche Johnstone and Mrs. Rose Shope of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Mrs. Cecil Jones, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Myrtle Hutchins, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Fay Hand, Mrs. Irene Snyder and Floyd Bates of Collins.

Other surviving relatives include 24 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Captola Roush of Des Moines; one half-sister, Mrs. Bertha Scott of Collins; one half-brother, Chas. Millhouse of Ramona, Okla. Mr. Bates preceded his wife in death, Oct. 31, 1917.

Mrs. Bates grew to womanhood in the Collins community and lived here all of her life until almost three years ago when she sold her home and went to Cedar Rapids to live with her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Johnstone.

She united with the Collins Church of Christ, Feb. 1, 1920, and was a faithful worker in the church until her health made it impossible for her to serve further.

In addition to the relatives mentioned above, Mrs. Bates leaves to mourn her death many other relatives and a host of friends.

"There is something about a Mother that sets her quite apart
And inspires deep affection in everybody's heart.
There's something about my Mother that puts her above the rest,
For to me she's not just Mother, but the whole world's very best."

Among the relatives from a distance in attendance at the services were Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Shope, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shope and son, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnstone and two children-and Mrs. J. A. Johnstone, all of Cedar Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roush, Gloria and Darell, Mrs. Captola Roush, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Peugh and son Keith, Mrs. Kate Stevens, Mrs. Jack Suttek, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hand, of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fuller of Marshalltown; Dale E. Hand, Milton, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Delane Hand and little son, of Pocomoke City, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holmes, of Clemons.