

Margaret Marshall

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OBITUARY NOTICE.

Margaret Marshall was born on the 18th of December, 1852, in Scotland.

She came to this country in December, 1878. She was married to Alexander Swanson at Kewanee, Ill., December 31, 1878. They came direct to the vicinity of Grinnell, Iowa, where they engaged in farming until 1905 when they moved to Canada and bought a home. Here her husband died in August, 1912.

Mrs. Swanson returned to Grinnell in November, 1917, in poor health, and made her home with her eldest daughter, Mrs. J. E. Bortell, where all was done that loving hands could do to minister to the sufferer until death came in the morning of September 20, 1918, when the soul quietly took its flight and the body sank into peaceful sleep.

Mrs. Swanson was converted in her youth. Coming here she brought her church letter, with her and she and her husband united with the Baptist church. In Alberta they were largely instrumental in the erection of a pioneer church and were very active in the Master's work.

She was a good wife and mother, a kind neighbor, holding a large circle of friends. She was ever ready to help the needy one and it was a joy to her to render service in any way to her friends. She loved to visit the sick, and her cheerful words never failed to bring comfort. During her illness her constant prayer was that she might be kept patient in all her suffering until the Master should call her home. She was ready and longed to go.

Mrs. Swanson leaves five daughters and one son to mourn her loss, named below: Mrs. J. E. Bortell and Mrs. Will Jackson, of Grinnell; Mrs. Harry Carlstrom, of Gilman; Mrs. Clyde Duffus, of Brooklyn; Mrs. H. W. Hays, of Speers, Canada, and J. A. Swanson, of Alberta.

She also leaves nineteen grandchildren in Canada.