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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Thomas J. Bray.

Myma Evelyn Ryan was born at Colfax, Ia., and grew to womanhood there. She graduated from the Colfax high school, studied two years in Iowa College, studied voice culture in Chicago for two years and spent two years in the south in travel with her sister.

In 1892 she moved with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Ryan, to Des Moines and made her home there until her marriage on June 18, 1907 to Mr. Thomas J. Bray of this city when she came with her husband to this city and did her part toward establishing a happy home on north Broad street.

Mrs. Bray was taken sick on the 19th of April and was taken to the home of her parents in Des Moines a week later. There everything was done for her that skill and loving hands could do, but all to no purpose. Her earthly life went out on the 17th of May, her death being caused by pernicious anaemia.

Funeral services were conducted at the Catholic church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Father Mulvihill of Des Moines who performed her marriage ceremony less than a year before, the music being furnished by the Morning Musical Club of Des Moines of which she had been a charter member.

The pall bearers at Des Moines were Hon. John B. Sullivan, J. H. Hogan, J. J. Bynon, Emmet Powers, John Halloran and L. C. Kurtz. Those who performed the same service here were Geo. H. Hamlin, L. J. Carroll, W. J. Rapson, L. H. Rinefort, Dr. J. W. Billings and Dr. J. R. Lewis. The ushers at the church were E. B. Brande and Cyril, Kreigh and Bernard Carney.

The out of town relatives and friends were Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Ryan of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pickett of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Young of Winfield, Dr. and Mrs. G. N. Ryan of Des Moines, Miss Jones of Colfax, Mrs. Katherine Shea of Mason City, Mr. F. J. McCullough of Davenport who had been best man at the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Haines of Des Moines, Mr. Clifford Cox of Newton, Mrs. Anna Blotchky, Mrs. Ralph Eshbaugh, Mrs. Frederick Evans, Miss Ailene McRea, Miss Mabel Smith and Miss Agnes Donahue of Des Moines.

During her short residence in this city Mrs. Bray by her charming personality and winning ways had endeared herself in the hearts of all who knew her. Her home life was ideal, as her minister said, every minute of it was a minute of paradise. The profusion of flowers at the home and at the church and the large concourse of people who assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to one whose life was taken ere it had reached its prime in a feeble way express the love and esteem in which she was held by those who knew her.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Bray in his sad bereavement which is the more to be lamented that the partner of his life is taken from him at the very beginning of life, but he has this comfort, that no act of his ever gave the idol of his heart any other feeling than that of pleasure in his company.