

Death Closes Beautiful Life

9-11-1928

Mrs. Laura Ellen Copeland Died September 4 at Her Home Near Searsboro.

**HAD LIVED IN COUNTY
ALMOST ALL HER LIFE**

**Impressive Funeral Services Were
Held Thursday From Friends
Church At Lynnville.**

Laura Ellen Copeland, eldest child of Aaron and Susan Stanley, was born in Henry county, Indiana, August 30, 1853, and passed away at her home near Searsboro, Sept. 4, 1928, at the age of 75 years, 5 days.

She was one of five children, Michael K., who died February 22, 1896; John H., who passed away November 22, 1918; Peninah Arabelle Fleener, who died October 28, 1925; Charles F., of Guide Rock, Neb., alone survives her.

In 1857 Laura, a little girl of four came with her parents to Iowa and settled near Lynnville. Her mother passed away in 1866 leaving her at the age of thirteen years to take up the cares and responsibilities of three younger brothers and a sister. She faithfully filled her mother's place until her marriage to George W. Copeland, October 18, 1873, remaining in this community the rest of her life with the exception of three years, 1877 to 1880, which were spent in Adair county where their only child, Aaron Roderick, was born. Twenty years after returning to this community they took Basil Baderstadt as their foster son and also helped to care for her father until his death in 1904.

She was a birthright member of the Friends church, having her membership in the Lynn Grove monthly meeting after coming to Iowa at the age of four years. She carried that faith in her quiet way through the years; it helped to sustain and prolong her life in her last illness and now she is resting in the arms of Jesus.

(George W.)

Beside her brother Charles, she is survived by her husband, son Aaron, foster son Basil, two grandchildren, Roy and Laurabelle, one great-grandchild, Eulice Graham, beside a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Friends church at Lynnville. The services were conducted by her nephew, Rev. Glenwood Stanley, and as the sun was sinking in the west she was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery just west of Lynnville, there to await the great resurrection when all they who are in their graves shall hear the voice of God and come forth.

The pallbearers were Cecil Copeland of Valley Junction, Frank Jones of Colfax, Oscar Johnson of Prairie City, Bert James of Lynnville, Frank Bechly of Montezuma, and Verne Stanley, of Lynnville.