

Funeral Of Mrs. Joe Dexter Held Wednesday

12-11-1934

Gertrude May Livezey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Livezey, was born May 23, 1881, in Poweshiek county, where she spent her entire life. She departed this life Dec. 7, 1934, at the age of 53 years, 6 months and 14 days, at her rural home. She was married to Joseph T. Dexter March 7, 1907. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, her aged mother, Mrs. Mary E. Livezey of Grinnell, three brothers and three sisters, William of Bridgefield, Ill., George of Grinnell, James, Eliza Boget, Elizabeth Barnhart, all of near Searsboro, and Aly Allen of Chapin, Ia., and a host of friends both young and old, whom she greatly treasured.

Mrs. Dexter will be greatly missed by a large circle. "Gertie," as she was lovingly called by those who knew her, was a cheerful, friendly person, interested in her neighbors and friends, always ready to lend a helping hand with a kindly word and pleasant smile for everyone. It gave her pleasure to be helpful. She loved her home and with her companion enjoyed beautifying it. She attended church services at Oak Grove and the Sabbath school until prevented by ill health. In the Missionary society she was a capable and willing worker, also in the Grange of which she was a member. A lovable character has gone from us but her influence will long be felt.

For some time her health had been poor, but lately she had felt better and was preparing to attend a social courtesy in the vicinity when she was stricken. Medical skill was unavailing and she passed away in a few hours, apparently conscious to the last.

The large number who attended the funeral attested to the love and respect in which she was held. The service was held in the Westfield church, conducted by Rev. Robert Lincoln, assisted by Rev. Paul Hadley. Three beautiful songs were sung, "Shall We Gather at the River?", "The City Four Square," and "The Old Rugged Cross," by a quartet from Westfield composed of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lord and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howell, accompanied by Ellen Howell. The body was tenderly laid to rest in the Westfield cemetery. The bereaved husband has the sincere sympathy of the community. Pallbearers were Ira Brandt, Raoul Whitaker, Delbert Rayl, Leonard Simmons, Canice Poots and Will Laymiller.