

OBITUARY

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(From the Colfax Tribune)

Frank A. Marquis.

The community was shocked and grieved beyond expression with the word of the death of Frank A. Marquis which occurred at his home in this city at an early hour Friday morning, May 3rd. It was known by friends that he had been in rather poor health for a few months but even this knowledge did not prepare them for the suddenness of his taking away and a community of sorrow hovers over the city, while deep and impendable sorrow is the lot of his wife and relatives. Frank, as he was familiarly called by his scores of friends, was liked by all and was a friend to everyone. His life was spent in this community and the friendships now severed by death were in many instances those which started, germinated and grew from the days of prattling childhood into ripened maturity unshaken by the vicissitudes of time as encompassed in the years that are now gone and only remain in memory.

Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday, conducted by the fraternal orders of which he was a member. Rev. M. L. Rose of the Christian church was called and spoke briefly and feelingly of the deceased. The spacious house and lawns of it and adjoining properties were occupied with friends who desired to pay their last sad respects to the memory of the departed friend, brother and citizen. The casket was nearly smothered in a wealth of cut flowers in clusters, designs and in various manner, the tokens of friendships from friends and lodges.

The services at the grave were in accord with the ritualistic ceremony of the Masonic order of which he was a member and the K. of P. also assisted. The Oriental Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar of Newton and Colfax was present as was the Riverside Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Knights of Pythias, all of whom attended in a body, with the utmost respect possible to be shown by these orders of men representative of the very essence of brotherly love and esteem. The Oriental Commandery, numbering seventy-five members from Newton came in a special train chartered for the purpose that they might be present and act as escort to the funeral cortege.

Frank A. Marquis was born in Mound Prairie township, Jasper county, January 21, 1873. His parents were Smiley M. and Elizabeth J. Marquis. He was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and was the eighth of a family of ten children, six of whom survive him. He was married to Mudge M. Douglas of Grinnell, Iowa, on the 14th day of March, 1908. To this union was born one child—little Frances, yet scarcely three years of age, whose little life is too tender to realize the sorrow that has come into the hearts of her mother and the brothers and sisters.

Frank's was always a generous and social disposition, full of mirth for those who were happy, yet as sympathetic and tender as a woman to those who were in need of human assistance. To know him was to place him on the list of closest friendship. He was a poor boy and yet his devotion to his mother, his loyalty to his friends and his determination and integrity in business won for him a place in life that many a boy starting out under more favorable conditions in life has failed to attain to. In fact his life having been spent entirely in this community, is a living example of the fact that a cheerful disposition, a sympathetic heart and a determination of purpose in life are good heritages bestowed on them.

Many and beautiful were the flowers that filled the room and covered the casket; tender and kind were the expressions of sympathy, yet all these are powerless to relieve the heart-aches and tears that will still remain

and which time only can tend to heal over and soften. And yet when time has done her best to cure there still remains the scar on the heart showing the wound has been there.

His brothers and sisters were present at the funeral except Mrs. H. R. Young, of Emerson, North Dakota. Those present were: Mrs. Schadel of Silvis, Illinois; Mrs. Hindorf of Boone Iowa; Mrs. W. H. Riley of this city and H. E. Marquis, of Albia, Iowa.

Those attending the funeral from out of the city were Mrs. Douglas Mrs. Payne and daughters Ruth and Dorothy, Martin Douglas and wife of Grinnell, Iowa; Mrs. E. R. Leach and Miss Josephine Marquis, of Albia, Iowa; A. E. Small, wife and son; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Colson and Richard Schadel of Silvis, Illinois; J. Y. Postle of Rock Island, Illinois; F. D. Tooper, of Davenport; A. S. Marquis and wife and Dr. J. W. Martin, wife and mother of Des Moines; C. V. Shipman, of Sully; Chas. Hanson and Lloyd Everett of Mingo; Mr. and Miss Humphrey, of Newton.