

UNITED IN DEATH

Double Funeral Was Held This Morning For Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moyle.

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THEIR DEATHS WERE ONLY A FEW HOURS APART

Mrs. Moyle Passed Away Monday Noon And Mr. Moyle Followed Tuesday Evening.

"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided." These words must have come to the minds of many when it was learned that Mrs. William Moyle had passed away on Monday morning of this week and that her husband had followed her in death Tuesday evening. For fifty eight years they had lived together, sharing life's struggles and successes, its sorrows and joys and it was eminently fitting that they should go on together to the better land.

Mr. William Moyle was born in Cornwall, England, May 27, 1834. His parents brought him to America in childhood. The family resided at Hazel Green, Wisconsin. His people had been miners and William followed that calling when he came to young manhood. In 1854 with three companions he went to California and for nine years he was engaged there and in Colorado in the mining business. In 1863 he united with the Masonic order and has been a loyal and honored member from that day to this.

In 1864 he returned home and on November 17th was married to Elizabeth Rapson at Platteville, Wisconsin. Mrs. Moyle was also of English birth, having been born in Cornwall November 30, 1846. When she was six years old her parents had emigrated to the States and settled in Wisconsin.

In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Moyle moved to a farm near Chapin, Iowa, and there they resided for thirty-two years. Three children were born to them, the first dying in infancy. William Thomas whose memory will long be honored in Grinnell, and Margaretta now Mrs. Jones of Mooreland, Oklahoma. The Moyle family is remembered in the Chapin neighborhood for integrity, genuine neighborliness and support of all good causes.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Moyle came to Grinnell and here they have resided ever since except for a period of five years (1906-1911) when they were in California.

Mr. Moyle was a man of devout Christian character, robust in his attitude on moral questions, warm and hearty in his friendly relations toward his fellowmen. Mrs. Moyle was a woman of native refinement and grace, whose qualities of gentleness and courage were clearly displayed on the occasion of the accidents that befell her in recent years.

The whole family were characterized by a rare mutual devotion. The daughter has never failed to visit her parents every year since her marriage and the constant and loving ministry of W. T. Moyle and his family to the old couple in their sunset days has been one of the inspiring facts of our community life.

Mr. William Moyle has no surviving relatives aside from his daughter and his grandchildren. Mrs. Moyle leaves a sister, Mrs. Esther Pooley of Evanston, Illinois, and three brothers, John and Thomas Rapson of Long Beach, Calif., and Charles Rapson of Los Angeles, Calif.

"John Anderson, my Jo
We've climbed the hill together
And morny a canty day, John
We've had wi' ane anither.
No we maun totter down, John
But hand in hand we'll go,
And sleep together at the foot
John, Anderson, my Jo."

Funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock this morning from the Moyle residence, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross, who spoke of comfort and hope. Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer sang.

Pall bearers for Mr. Moyle were chosen from the Masonic Lodge and were as follows: L. C. Bennett, John Mehlin, W. C. Rayburn, Frank Edge, Grant Ramsey and G. H. McMurray.

Pall bearers for Mrs. Moyle were D. M. Cox, John Manly, H. B. Brock, S. J. Pooley, Roy Terrell, Dr. L. G. Lemley.