

Thomas H.

OBITUARY

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CHRISTENA A. McILRATH DIED JULY 18, 1957

Christena A. McIlrath, daughter of Albert and Charlotte Bloom, was born February 7, 1877 at Laurel, Iowa. She was one of a family of seven children who all have preceded her in death except one sister, Mary E. Telkamp of Lakota, Iowa. She was united in marriage with Thomas H. McIlrath on December 25, 1901. To this union was born one daughter Ruth.

On Sabbath morning July 14, 1957, just as the sun was coming up in the east, at the breaking of a new day her Spirit left her body here to start a new day with her Savior, whom she loved and trusted, to enter her heavenly Father's home. Jesus her Savior said, "I will go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am there ye may be also."

Christena leaves to mourn her departure, her husband Thomas H. McIlrath, one daughter Mrs. Roy G. Bru, one granddaughter Elizabeth Anne Lincoln, and her sister Mary E. Telkamp of Lakota, Iowa. She was a loving wife and mother and was always loyal to her many friends, and to know her was to love her.

Her greatest desire in life was to be loyal to her God, her family, and her church. Yes, we will miss her, but there is consolation in knowing that she has gone to be with her Savior whom she knew and loved and served. There will be one vacant

chair but when we know that she is with her Savior in the home that He has prepared for her we should not mourn her departure but rather rejoice that her suffering here on earth is over, and we may hear her say that where I am there ye may be also.

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