

Mrs. Robert McMeekin Of 1933 Ewart Dies

Ewart, Ia., Jan. 17, Special:

Funeral services for Mrs. Robert McMeekin who passed away Jan. 7 were held at the home Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 11. The Rev. R. G. Smith of Tama, pastor of the U. P. church of Ewart, officiated at the services. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Smith, Mrs. C. L. Braley and G. E. Wasson. Accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Will Jeffery.

Pall bearers were long standing friends of the deceased, J. W. Hamilton, Dave Agnew, Alf. Agnew, Andrew McCormick, William Cleland and C. L. Braley.

Rev. Mr. Smith took for his text the "Twenty Third Psalm", which was a favorite scripture passage of Mrs. McMeekin.

Mary Jane Ewart was born in County Down, Ireland, Nov. 4, 1853. She came with her mother from Ireland to Coal Valley, Illinois in 1869, and departed this life at her home in Montezuma, Iowa Jan. 7, 1933 at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Mother McMeekin was the youngest of a family of six, all having preceded her in death, except one aged sister, Mrs. John McGill of Vail, Iowa.

On Sept. 1, 1871 she was united in marriage to Robert McMeekin in Illinois. To this union were born ten children. Two children and husband preceded her to the beyond, one child in infancy and Alma Benton. Four sons and four daughters survive as follows: Eliza McGimpsey of Shelby Nebraska, Jane Wilson, Grianell, Iowa; James McMeekin, Montezuma; Henry of Ewart; Ellen Mary Bruggen, Montezuma; Frank H. of Shedd, Oregon; Sadie Johnson of Montezuma and John William, Montezuma. There are twenty-three grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She made her profession of her faith with the Presbyterian church of Mills Isle, Ireland, when she was just a girl. After coming to America she united with the church at Homestead, Ill. and on her removal to Iowa she placed her membership in the church at Malcom. Later she became a member of the U. P. church at Ewart soon after its organization. Remaining ever faithful, after moving to Montezuma she united with the Presbyterian church here. She always enjoyed going to church as long as health would permit.

A very unusual incident is Mother McMeekin's passing away just three years, same month, same date, also same hour of day as that of father McMeekin.