

Nellie Norris

Owing to feebleness of his mother he has quit farming and will go back to Pennsylvania.

DEATH OF MRS. A. C. NORRIS.

The death of a soldier's wife, with that soldier well and strong on the battlefield, is something pathetic; but when that soldier is stricken with the fever, himself near to death's door, and unable to assist in the sad ceremonies, the case becomes one which arouses all the sorrowing sympathy of which human nature is capable. But a few weeks ago Mrs. A. C. Norris left Grinnell in perfect health, to join her husband at the southern camp and share with him a soldier's fare. About the twentieth of August she was stricken with typhoid fever. After a few days' illness the doctor ordered her taken home, saying it was the only chance for her life. Tuesday morning, at 8:20 o'clock, she left Jacksonville, accompanied by Private Keith Blow, an intimate friend of the family. She rapidly grew worse, and on the way out from Evansville, Indiana, Mr. Blow consulted a physician, who advised him to take her to the city hospital at St. Louis. At 7:30 Wednesday evening she arrived at the hospital, where the best treatment was given her. Mr. Blow telegraphed her parents and husband, but they arrived too late, as her spirit had departed at 2:00 o'clock Thursday morning. The body arrived in Grinnell, from the south, Saturday morning, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Raffety, and her husband, Captain A. C. Norris. The body was met at the train by a large number of friends and taken to her late home.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church Sunday, at two o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by Rev. G. E. Morphy, assisted by Rev. E. M. Vittum and Rev. J. E. Corley. The friends filled the church to its utmost capacity. There were many beautiful floral decorations, among them the star spangled banner, the gift of Co. K, 50th Iowa.

Appropriate words were spoken by Mr. Morphy of the beautiful life just ended, music was rendered by a quartet consisting of E. B. Braude, Mrs. Christian, Miss Hibbard and A. C. Harriman, and the body was borne to Hazelwood and laid away to its final rest, the bearers being O. J. Worcester, A. F. Barnes, W. H. Baum, C. C. Keister, C. F. Ricker and W. H. Shabac. The former members of the militia, under command of Captain Spencer, formed an escorting party.

Nellie Raffety Norris was born at Cascade, Iowa, August 22, 1869. Her parents moved to Grinnell, where, at the age of 16, she was converted and became a member of the Baptist church. May 27, 1890, she was united in marriage with Arthur C. Norris, who survives her, with two children, a daughter and son. Her death occurred September 1st, having just passed into the thirtieth year of her age.

The death of Mrs. Norris is mourned by a large circle of friends, as a woman active and lovely in her life, foremost in church work, a leader in all that was good. She leaves to her children the record of a pure and earnest life. The sympathy of many friends goes out to her sorrowing husband, children and other relatives.