

JAMES

REACHES THE END OF LIFE'S JOURNEY

8-18-1995
Mrs. Ann Shearer Passes Away, Aged
98 Years, 5 Months and 4
Days.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Shearer Lived Many Years of
Her Active Life in Ewart and
Vicinity.

Ann Leslie, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. George Leslie, was born in
Lichley head Castle, Aberdeenshire,
Scotland, March 10, 1827 and after an
illness of several weeks passed away
at her home in Grinnell August 14,
1925 at the age of 98 years, 5 months
and 4 days.

On October 12, 1850 she was united
in marriage to James Shearer. To
this union were born nine children:
Elizabeth, now deceased, William, al-
so deceased, Jennie, James L., Mary,
Isabelle, deceased, Helen, Joy and
Margaret.

The family came to America in 1872
and settled on a farm one and a half
miles north of Ewart where they re-
sided until 1881 when they moved to
Ewart. Here Mr. Shearer died August
26, 1891.

In 1903 Mrs. Shearer moved with
her daughters, Mrs. Joy Wilson and
Margaret Shearer to Grinnell where
she resided continuously until the
time of her death.

In her early girlhood Mrs. Shearer
was converted and united with the
Presbyterian Church of Scotland, re-
maining in that communion until
coming to this country when she
transferred her membership to the
Presbyterian church at Malcom. She
was devoutly religious by nature. Her
faith rose triumphant above every ob-
stacle and remained constant to the
end. Not only was Mrs. Shearer vig-
orous and active in body during the
long span of her life, but she possess-
ed a keen, inquiring mind that was
always searching eagerly for the
truth. She read extensively and up
to the time of her recent illness kept
fully informed on the current events
of the world. But while reading

largely in many fields of interest she
read her Bible most of all. To her
it was God's truth and contained the
words of eternal life. By its teach-
ings she lived and in its promises she
died.

With one voice her friends testify to
her splendid womanly character, her
gentle and friendly spirit, and her
tender love for her family. Earth is
richer because of this long, useful
life.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one
son J. L. Shearer of Goldfield, Iowa,
five daughters, Mrs. J. R. Duffus of
Pipestone, Minn., Mrs. Mary Wilson
of Goldfield, Iowa, Mrs. Helen Bram-
er, Mrs. Joy Wilson and Margaret
Shearer of Grinnell. Also nineteen
grand children, twenty-five great
grand children and two great, great
grandchildren.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. W.
B. Wilson was held at the home of
Mrs. Joy Wilson at 2:30 Sunday and
the body laid at rest in Hazelwood
cemetery.