

10 - MRS. MAE LEE BOYD/932

Mrs. Mae Lee Boyd, daughter of Asa R. and Julia Lee, was born near Hartford, Iowa, September 30, 1867. Shortly afterward her family moved to Ackley, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. She graduated from the high school there, attended Albion Seminary and taught school for several years.

On August 31, 1892, she was united in marriage to Walter J. Boyd. They established their home in Oelwein, Iowa and there the two children, Evelyn Mae and Dallas Reaves were born. During their residence in Oelwein, Mrs. Boyd served as principal of the South Side schools for a number of years and was active in church work and other forms of community service.

In 1910 the family moved to Oskaloosa and in 1916 came to Grinnell to make their home. For several years Mrs. Boyd has not been well and the whole past year has been a painful but bravely fought battle to regain health. During the last few weeks she was blessed with the skilled and tender care of her daughter Evelyn.

The grand daughter of Rev. Nathan Olmstead, one of the pioneer circuit riding ministers of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Boyd was a sincere and devoted Christian all her life. For many years she was a singer in the choir and a teacher in the Sunday School in the churches where she lived. At the time of her death she was a member of the First Congregational Church of this city. She was treasurer of the D. A. R. and did her part in the work of the Grinnell Woman's Club.

Gifted as a painter and a musician, her finest art was displayed in making friends and in perfecting a home of marked mutual devotion. Her genuineness and unselfishness will be cherished in the memory of all those who were privileged to know her intimately.

The funeral service was held at the home on Park St. on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. D. H. Snook and Miss Stella Bartlett sang, "Break Thou the Bread of Life" and "The Sands of Time are Sinking." Rev. E. W. Cross who conducted the service spoke from the text, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to comfort all that mourn." Isaiah 61: 1, 2, Pall bearers were, J. G. Shifflett, D. R. Warburton, F. H. Gifford, Harold Evans, R. B. Work and Arther McMurray. On Thursday the body was taken to Ackley where, after a service for friends, burial was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

The near relatives of the deceased, all of whom were present at the funeral service, are her mother, Mrs. Julia Carson, of New Hartford, Ia., her brother, Mr. Charles Lee of Maquoketa, the husband and daughter Evelyn of Grinnell, and a son Dallas of Hollywood, California.

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