
Services Held For Mrs. Thomas Byers

Memorial services for Mrs. Thomas T. Byers were held at the Steffy Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Apr. 4, conducted by Rev. Frank Jacobs and Rev. L. E. Kennedy. Miss Alice Underwood played the organ selections of "Only the Touch" and "Old Rugged Cross".

Interment was in the family lot in Masonic - IOOF cemetery. Casket bearers were Art Goeke, Eddie Hender, Ross McDonald, Harlan Wolford, Pearlle Freeborn and Milford Shaull.

Retha, daughter of Myrtle and Wm. Axtell was born in Dilly, Ore., Feb. 19, 1903 and died in St. Francis hospital, Grinnell, Apr. 2, at 61 years of age.

In her youth she moved with her parents to Deep River where she attended school.

On Mar. 23, 1921, she was united in marriage with Thomas T. Byers, to this union 6 children were born, 1 son died in infancy. They made their home in the Deep River community and surrounding area - where they were engaged in farming.

In 1952 they retired and moved to Montezuma. In 1961 Mr. Byers died. Since then she has maintained their home. The past few months she has been seriously ill. She was a member of the Methodist church.

She is survived by 2 sons, John, Deep River, and Raymond, Des Moines, 3 daughters, Mae Miller, Oskaloosa, Betty Schmidt and Sandra of Montezuma, one grandson, Harold Miller, 3 brothers, Raymond, Donovan and Forrest Axtell, and 1 sister, Helen Hensel, all of Wisconsin, other relatives and many friends.