

# FUNERAL OF MISS SARAH CALKIN

Services Were Held Sunday Afternoon  
From Congregational  
Church

10-13-1925  
MARKED CLOSE OF SWEET  
AND BLAMELESS LIFE.

Miss Calkin Had Made Her Home  
Here With Her Sister, Mrs.  
J. T. Marvin.

A goodly number of friends gathered in the Congregational church Sunday afternoon, October 11, to pay their tribute to the memory of Miss Sarah L. Calkin, whose death occurred at the home, 1132 Main street, early Thursday morning.

The service was in charge of Rev. Nelson W. Wehrhan, ably assisted by Prof. Elias Blum at the organ, Mrs. Findlay, soloist, Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer, Miss Harriet Korn, Mr. Frederic Morrison and Judge A. C. Lyon, quartet.

Sarah Laura Calkin was born on a farm in Newport township, Johnson county, Iowa, Dec. 26, 1858.

From her girlhood she was deeply interested in Sunday school work. This may have been an inherited trait.

While living on the farm it was the custom of the family to rise early Sunday morning, drive four miles to Sunday school and church in Iowa City; eat a lunch and drive home past the district school house where the father served as superintendent of a Sunday school in the afternoon. Their home in Iowa City was on a hillside east of the Bohemian section of the city about one mile from the Congregational church where they worshipped.

In going to and fro they had continually to pass children playing in the street on Sunday with no one to care for their religious training. This caused Mr. Calkin some sleepless nights, and when opportunity offered he fitted up one half of the double tenement in which his family was living and offered it to representatives of the churches of the city for Sunday school purposes. The offer was accepted and a school was conducted there for years. The Bible class oc-

cupied the family living room. Miss Calkin gathered the little children into the kitchen and taught them and the intermediate groups remained in rooms prepared for them on the north.

In the course of years a brick chapel was built for the school a few blocks from the Calkin home, and preaching services were conducted there.

For twenty years Miss Calkin worked at this chapel at any task from that of Sunday school secretary to Superintendent as her help was needed, and she was permitted to witness the fruit of her labor, in the development of Christian manhood and womanhood.

As the years passed she continued to help sustain a home for her aged father, an Aunt, and her brother. She it was who ministered to the aunt upon her death bed, and later to the father.

In 1910 she came to Grinnell to make her permanent home with her sister and family. During the years when Rev. and Mrs. Marvin were absent ministering to some of the small churches of the state, she maintained a home at 1132 Main street, Grinnell, for eight to ten college girls, before the days of Grinnell dormitories.

During the past ten years she has served as first assistant Librarian of our church school, having as her special care the distribution of the Sunday School papers, and many shut-in people have regularly received from her hands the papers and church greeting. From her home she has reached out in kindly ministry over the phone, through the post office, and interviews at her back door to a circle of friends in this town, some of whom never saw her face. But her interests were not confined to the community in which she lived. She delighted to send letters and packages to friends laboring among the Indians and Negroes and our foreign born neighbors.

Of her immediate family there are left to mourn her loss, one sister, Harriet C. Marvin of Grinnell and one brother, Guy S. Calkin of Des Moines, both of whom were with her at the last.

Grinnell friends vied with each other in expressions of loving appreciation. The following served as pall bearers: E. M. Kearney, Alfred Burroughs, Ross Work, F. P. Marvin, A. M. Burton and Glenn Anderson.

Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.