

OBITUARY.

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A. B. Clay.

The many friends of A. B. Clay, formerly of Gilman, were greatly shocked when death suddenly claimed him at his home in Waterloo at 1 o'clock Saturday evening, Jan. 30, apoplexy being the cause. He and family had finished supper shortly before, and Mr. Clay attended to the fire in the basement. Coming up he remarked to his family, all of whom were present, that he was real warm, when he fell to the floor and expired before a doctor could reach him. Mr. Clay had been suffering from heart trouble several years, and his death was not altogether unexpected.

Ambrose Burnside Clay was born in La Salle county, Illinois, Feb. 28, 1863, making him 51 years, 10 months and 30 days of age at death. At the age of 1 year he came with his parents to a farm near Grinnell, Iowa, growing to manhood there. When 20 years of age he moved to Newburg, where he was employed by Cox & Dickson, grain dealers, several years, then for several years he conducted a lumber yard for Mr. Eldred of Grinnell, after which he was in partnership with Foster & Bailey of Grinnell in the live stock business at Newburg. In the fall of 1891 he removed to Gilman and engaged in the mercantile business about nine years. One year he was engaged in the drug business at Sheldon with I. L. Gould. The last nine years he resided at Independence and Waterloo. On Oct. 19, 1893, he was united in marriage with Minnie J. Sutt in Gilman, and to this union two sons were born, Lyle B. and Glen E., who with their mother survive. His parents were Lawrence H. and Hannah Clay, who preceded him in death many years. Besides his family, Mr. Clay is survived by four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Emily M. Squire, Grinnell; Sarah J. Clay, Newburg; Mrs.

E. H. Newton, Gilman; Mrs. O. E. Perry, Newburg; A. E. Clay, Newton; I. N. Clay, Denver, Colo. Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. Mr. Clay was a member of Gilman Camp, 2636, M. W. A.

Mr. Clay was a man of high integrity, honest in his dealings with his fellowmen, trustworthy in every respect. He never did any person a wrong knowingly, and was always ready to help anyone who was in need of aid. He was of a jovial disposition and even temperament. He was idolized by his wife and sons and his brothers and sisters.

A. E. Clay, E. H. Newton, O. E. Perry, S. Darrah and wife went to Waterloo.

J. S. Darrah and wife went to Waterloo Sunday morning to be with the grief-stricken family. They found many good friends of the family with them and doing all that could be done in the way of kindness and sympathy. At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon Rev. J. F. McCartney, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted services at the home. The remains were brought to Gilman Monday morning, accompanied by his family and the above other relatives. They were taken to the J. S. Darrah home, and at 2 o'clock Wednesday the funeral service was held from the Congregational church, Rev. W. S. Kight of Des Moines, assisted by Rev. V. B. Hill, conducting the service. Expressions of love were evidenced in many beautiful floral offerings from relatives and friends. A large number of friends were in attendance. Interment followed in Prairie View Cemetery.—Gilman Dispatch.