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MRS. IDA LAVENDER HAYS.

Mrs. Charles W. Hays, who died of peritonitis after eight weeks suffering at her home in Chester on November 22, was the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Lavender now of Witterburg. She was born near Brooklyn in 1877, her death occurring on the morning of her twenty-eighth birthday.

While she was still a small child her parents moved to Polk City and later to Gilman where Mr. Lavender was for years pastor of the Congregational church. There she received her education and graduated from the high school. About six years ago the family moved to Witterburg where her father was pastor of the Congregational church and there the deceased remained till her marriage to C. W. Hays a year ago last April. Since that time she has lived in Chester where they made their home.

Mrs. Hays is survived by her husband and little eight months old daughter, Lucile, her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Lavender, four sisters: Mrs. G. E. Buck of Newburg, Mrs. Anna Miller of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, Mrs. R. S. Mills and Mrs. Will D. Fanton, of Newton; two brothers, Leslie and Dewitt Lavender of Gilman, all of whom were present at the funeral services which were held November 24.

Services were conducted at the house at 1 o'clock by the Rev. John C. Willits, presiding elder of the Oskaloosa district of the M. E. church, assisted by Rev. H. C. Montgomery, pastor of the Sonora M. E. church, Rev. Geo. Jewell, pastor of the Chester Congregational church, and Rev. Geo. R. Chambers, pastor of the Gilman Congregational Church.

After the services at the home the body was taken to Gilman, where the Rev. G. R. Chambers and the Rev. J. C. Willits conducted brief services in the Congregational church after which the body was laid to rest by loving hands in Prairie View Cemetery at that place.

Mrs. Hays had lived an unusually pure and simple life and won the love of a wide circle of friends by her lovable disposition. She was a good Christian woman, and a gentle and loving wife and mother in her home. She joined the Congregational church of Gilman when fifteen years old, at which time her father was pastor of the church there and ever since has been very active in church work, having acted as organist in the church while making her home there.

The relatives and host of friends who mourn her loss are cheered by the firm faith that she lives in a better world.