

Thursday, November 10, 1960

Mrs. Martz Dies Here Wednesday

Mrs. Rosa Belle Martz, 85, of 610 Main Street, passed away suddenly at her home Wednesday morning.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martz will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Methodist church with the Dr. G. S. Bruland, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery. Those desiring may contribute to the Methodist church memorial fund.

Mrs. Martz was born October 18, 1875, in Fayette County, Ohio, the daughter of Charles Jacob and Susan Campbell Sanders. She received her education in Poweshiek county.

On September 4, 1895, she was united in marriage with Willis Martz at her family home, eight miles south of Grinnell, by the Rev. Parker. To this union were born six children, two of whom preceded her in death—Glenn in infancy and Mrs. William (Suzie) Cabot.

Among the survivors are Mrs. Avis (Ada) Elliott of Akron, Colorado; Charles R. Martz of Longmont, Colorado; Homer S. Martz of Evergreen Park, Illinois; Mrs. Ben (Ruth) Cobbs of Newton; and Miss Roberta Mason of Grinnell. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Martz was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Willis in April of 1941; two children; and two brothers, Frank and Charles Sanders.

Mrs. Martz had lived in the Grinnell area for over 50 years, moving here from Mount Vernon, Iowa. She was a member of the Methodist church, a charter member of the W.S.C.S., of which she was a life member, and taught Sunday school for many years.

Thursday, November 17, 1960

Obituary

ROSE B. MARTZ
(Contributed)

Rosa B. Sanders, daughter of Charles and Susan Sanders was born in Fayette County, Ohio, October 18, 1875. She came by covered wagon, at the age of 2 years, with her parents, who located on a farm near Montezuma, Iowa. They lived in Poweshiek County in various locations. At the age of 14, living in Madison township and near the Madison Christian church, Rosa was converted under the pastor Rev. Adenweller, becoming a charter member of this church. At the age of 16, the family moved to a farm near Jacob Switch, Iowa.

On Sept. 4, 1895, she was united in marriage to Willis Martz. To this union six children were born. Namely: Richard, Glenn, Homer, Ada, Susie, and Ruth. Glenn died in infancy, Nov. 13, 1898. All but 11 years of life were spent in Poweshiek and Jasper county. Those 11 years were spent in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where the family united with the Methodist church. Three of the five children were born in Mt. Vernon. On March 11, 1911, the Martz family moved to a farm just over the Jasper county line, purchased by them, and at this time, the family united with the Methodist church in Grinnell. The pastor at that time was he Rev. Elias Handy. They lived on this farm 25 years, until the death of Mr. Martz, April 15, 1941. The remaining years of Rosa's life was spent in Grinnell. At this writing (Feb. 20th, 1959) "I am living with Roberta Mason, who has been my companion and care taker. Roberta came into my home at the age of 6 1/2 years."

Mrs. Martz, succumbed on Nov. 9th, 1960. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 11th at the Grinnell Methodist church with Dr. G. S. Bruland, pastor, officiating. Vocal music was by Mrs. Margaret Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner at the organ.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Kirk, William James, Dwain Holmes, LeRoy Sanders, Burson Farmer and Carl Loudon. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.