

An Obituary Notice Of Mrs.

Clifford Phipps

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Minnie Agnes, daughter of John and Fannie Faircloth Gilbert, was born in Grinnell August 31, 1868, and entered the heavenly portals at the midnight hour, February 3, 1935, aged 66 years, 5 months and 5 days.

The father died when she was small, the mother married Jesse Smeley, but she too died, leaving Minnie with the care of the home and the two brothers, aged six and four years. She was united in marriage with Clifford M. Phipps December 22, 1919. To them were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy, one of them, Dorothy Marie, in 1933; the others are Pauline, Donald, Raymond, Paul, Hollis, and Richard NeSmith.

Minnie was a member of the First Friends church, became a Christian and lived a consistent life. She enjoyed attending the services of the church, but was often deprived of that privilege by her home duties. She was patient, kind and sympathetic and bore the burdens and sorrows of life quietly and uncomplainingly. She enjoyed taking the Red Cross course of nursing, was ambitious to train her children in worthwhile things.

They lived in Rock Creek township several years, but had made their home in Grinnell the last two years.

She had not been well but was not taken seriously ill until shortly before her death. The leaves her husband, the six children, two brothers, Gerald and Melvin Schlesley of Marshalltown, and many friends who mourn her departure.

The funeral services were conducted in the First Friends church at 10:30 A.M. February 5, 1935, pastor Carrie A. Barton, and Rector Lincoln. A choir quartette consisting of Paul and Glenn Huff, Joseph Haupt and Bernard Bailey, sang three numbers. The pallbearers were Harold Schlesley, Murray Warkins, Wilbur and Harold Thiel, Lloyd Roberts and Elmer Phipps. The body was laid to rest in Rock Creek cemetery.