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Evelyn Graffort was born near Palmyra, Mo., in Nov. 1827. In 1829, she came to Iowa with her parents, who settled near Rockdale, Dubuque county. She lived here until the death of her grandmother, after which she lived at Cascade—going there about 1845. Here she was a member of the family of Judge and Mrs. Taylor, the latter being her aunt. March 12, 1848, she was united in marriage with E. C. Raffety, with whom she lived a happy life almost 55 years. In 1845, she united with the Baptist church at Cascade, and lived a most consistent Christian life, an active woman and devoted to her church. In 1881, Mr. Raffety and family moved to Westfield, and for 22 years their home was near, or in Grinnell. Her death occurred Sunday, Feb. 22, 1903. In her life Mrs. Raffety was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a kind grandmother, a loyal relative, a true hearted neighbor, and a thorough-going Christian woman. Besides her mourning husband, there survive her, two daughters, Mrs. Ollie Sayre, of Grinnell, and Mrs. Ada Sherman, of Chicago; and three sons, Ed. E. Raffety and Sam'l E. Raffety, of Grinnell, and W. T. Raffety, of Miller, S. D. All these children were present at her side and witnessed the death of a dear and loved mother.

The funeral was held at the church Tuesday, at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. R. Robinson, assisted by Rev. W. W. Woodburn and Rev. J. W. Beatty. Interment was in Hazelwood.