

## An Obituary Of Mrs. S. A. Sparks

(By a Staff Correspondent)

Lynnville, Ia., Feb. 6, Special:

Minerva Jane Shepherd, was born in Heckricks, county, Indiana, Aug. 31, 1866, and departed this life Feb. 1, 1934, at the age of 67 years, 5 months and one day. She came to Lynnville, Ia., with her parents at the age of 14 years and was married to Stephen A. Sparks July 8, 1883. To this union were born four children, Mrs. Fred Ratliff, Mrs. Ray Hammer, Glen Sparks and Mrs. Louis VanderPol of Reasoner, and five grandchildren.

She lived her entire married life around Lynnville. To her friends and loved ones she will be greatly missed as she was a loving, patient sufferer for three years, always smiling and having a cheery word for everyone. She was a faithful wife, a loving mother and had a personality loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Friends church, having been converted during the service of Tillie Adkins.

On July 8, 1933, she and her husband had the pleasure of celebrating, with a host of friends, their fiftieth wedding anniversary on their farm near Lynnville Junction, which had been their home for 27 years.

Funeral services were held from the home at 1:30 Saturday afternoon and at the church at 2:30, conducted by Rev. Giles Youngquist. Music was furnished by a mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Harvey Gause, Mrs. Cleon Bartow, Charles Potter and A. T. Gifford, accompanied by Mrs. A. F. Quire. They sang "Pass Me Not," "We Are Going Down the Valley One by One" and "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." Pallbearers were Howard Macy, Harrison Shepherd, E. B. Macy, C. O. Macy, Carroll Macy and Charles Davis. Burial was in the Woodland cemetery.

*Stephen Albert*