

MS 11-23 LOUELLA SPETH 1921

The funeral of Louella Anna Speth, who died in an Iowa City hospital early Saturday morning following a very serious throat operation complicated with pleural trouble was held in the Congregational church Monday afternoon with burial in Hazelwood. The large attendance was a tribute to the popularity of this splendid young lady, and an evidence of the love which her wide circle of friends had for her. The Rebekahs and Pythian Sisters attended the funeral in a body, and the following were pall bearers: H. J. Askey, Cecil Myers, Austin Appleby, Ed Jantzen, Clyde Connelly, Dr. L. M. Adkins.

The following ladies acted as honorary bearers: Anne Creamer, Bessie Stowe, Virginia McNealy, Alma L. Adkins, Mary Stowe, Fidesta Hastings.

Louella Anna Speth, daughter of H. J. and Lena Speth, was born on a farm near Grinnell on the 28th of December, 1893, the third in a family of five children. As a girl she attended the public schools of this city, going through the third year of the high school. She then left school and for a time was employed by the Interior Telephone company. Six years ago she began her work in the offices of the Spaulding Manufacturing Co. and was continuously in that work until her last sickness. When she went to Iowa City a month ago no one supposed that her trouble was critical. However, in spite of the best of treatment, she passed away on the morning of November 19, 1921.

Louella Speth was a young woman of splendid qualities. Dependable, cheerful, considerate, ready to help wherever she was needed, she won friends wherever she was known and kept them to the end. In her home, she was deeply loved.

In 1915 she united with the Congregational church upon confession of her Christian faith. She was a member of the Rebekahs and of the Pythian Sisters.

This is the first break in the circle of a family whose members have been unusually devoted to each other. Her father and mother, her three brothers, Burt, Edward and Carl, and her sister, Irma, survive her.