

[Evans, Simeon N.]

DEATHS.

In Lee, Oneida Co., N.Y., Dec. 4, 1863, SIMEON N. EVANS, aged seventy-eight years, nine months, and fourteen days. Br. Evans was one of the most thorough Universalists in Oneida Co. Receiving the first rudiments of the faith from his father, who was a Universalist before him, he became interested in it early in life, and as he grew to manhood, he made it the subject of devout study and reflection. The result was that he became well versed and firmly established in the faith of Universalism... He was noted for his intelligence and goodness of heart. Br. Evans was born in Holliston, Middlesex Co., Mass., whence he removed with his father to Oneida Co., N.Y., in 1798, where he resided until the day of his death. He was the eldest of five brothers, four of whom still live in the same neighborhood where he died in the town of Lee. He leaves a wife and four daughters—a wife who, like himself, has been from early life an earnest and exemplary believer in the great salvation, and has been warmly attached to the cause. His daughters are all devoted Universalists. One of them is the wife of a Universalist clergyman, Rev. R. Queal, of Adrian, Mich. The disease of which Mr. Evans died was called by his physician “softening of the brain.” He had been failing for about ten months, but was at church the Sunday before he died. He remarked that he felt two years older than he was before his sickness—had become quite deaf, so that he could not hear the sermon. His wife remarked that he liked to see the face of the minister, though he could not hear what he said. He was much attached to the worship of his church, and was seldom absent from meeting. But he had attended for the last time on earth. Thursday a change came over him. He fell into an unconscious state, in which he remained twenty-four hours, when he died... The funeral services were conducted by the writer, at the church at Lee Centre—sermon from 1 Cor. xv:26.

W. W. C.

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