

[Balty, Alice B.]

Sudden Death of Mrs. Alice B. Balty

When the news reached here last Friday morning that Mrs. Alice Balty was dead, it was the cause of giving more than one person a severe shock. She had been visiting her daughter-in-law at the home of J. E. Shaut of Rochester, for about a week and was in excellent health and good spirits during the time. She with a party of friends were going out to spend the evening last Thursday, and was waiting until time to go when at 7:30 while sitting in a chair, she seemed to straighten out and gasp. She never spoke after that only to say "up stairs" where her friends bore her and where she died at about 11:30, the physicians pronouncing the cause as apoplexy.

Mrs. Balty was seventy-three years of age and one of the best known ladies of this town. Deceased was born June 12, 1822 at Madison, Madison county, N.Y. Her husband Robert J., who died seven years ago, up to the time of his death was president of the Nunda Bank. They came to Nunda in 1845 and after living for several years at Cooperville moved to what was known as the Balty farm on Walnut street. After Mr. Balty's death, his wife moved to the Sabin home next to Hotel St. John where she lived alone. This fact has been the cause of many making the remark, how fortunate she died with her friends, as she might have did there alone and no one known it.

In the death of Mrs. Balty, many have lost a true christian friend, one that was always ready and willing to help those in trouble, and one who was always the same any time you might meet her. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon from her later residence and was very largely attended, Rev. F. T. Sweet of Gardner, Mass., formerly pastor of the Universalist church of Nunda of which deceased was a prominent member, assisted by Rev. James Taylor, the present pastor conducted the services. A male quartette sang. The bearers were D. S. Robinson, C. K. Sanders, C. J. Swain, W. Y. Robinson, A. M. Dake and J. H. Hughes. Mrs. H. C. Grover, a sister of Mrs. Balty is the only near surviving relative, and she and the remaining relatives have the most sincere sympathy of all.

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