

[Brooks, Mark N.]

DR. MARK N. BROOKS

The spacious house in Springville where Dr. Mark N. Brooks had lived through six full decades was filled on Sunday afternoon, December 26. Friends had come to pay their tribute of respect to their physician and friend who had walked and worked among them in the simple but sufficient principles of his Universalist faith. He had passed away on the morning of December 23 in his eighty-third year.

He was a farmer's son, born in Colden, and attended the district school. In early manhood he taught school for a time and then decided that he would study medicine. He entered the Medical College of the University of Buffalo from which he was graduated in 1884. Until his death, he was one of the oldest alumni of the College.

During his course, he lived in the home of Dr. U. C. Lund, who noted the legal bent of his mind and offered to finance his course in the Law School. The medical student declined this offer for his preference was a career in medicine. In his remembrance of this kind offer of Dr. Lund rose the impulse which led Dr. Brooks to help many boys and girls to an advanced education.

Dr. Brooks' career, as the good physician in Springville, a village nestled among the Boston hills, took him into a wide area of service. Here he married Miss Anna Woodward, daughter of an early settler, and here his son, [Homer] and daughter, Laura, were born.

The son and his two grandchildren died several years ago. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. William J. Utrich. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. Bruce Swift of Buffalo, a long-time friend of the family. The Springville Masonic Lodge assisted in the service and Masons were the bearers. Interment was in the Maplewood Cemetery.

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