

[Darby, Lillian E. Coleman]

Mrs. Lillian Darby

Residents of Schuyler Lake were grieved when on Sunday came the news that Mrs. Lillian Darby had passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lynn Perkins in Luzerne. She had not been well for a long time and had been confined to her bed for six weeks with high blood pressure and heart trouble, but the immediate cause of her death was a stroke from which she suffered at 4 a.m. on Saturday morning, passing away at 1 p.m. of that same day.

Lillian E. Coleman was born in Exeter, December 14th, 1861, daughter of A. M. and Helen Curtis Coleman, and was one of four children, the brother, Augustus Coleman, of Binghamton having died some years ago.

Her childhood was spent in Exeter and she attended school there, Mrs. Nellie Southworth being one of her teachers.

On March 23, 1880, she married Alonzo Darby and they lived on the Darby farm, just in the town of Burlington, for several years, subsequently moving to his village, where she lived until going to live with her daughter in Luzerne several years ago.

She was a woman of rare charm and ability along many lines. A devoted mother and grandmother and true friend, and in the home where she had lived for so long, her place can never be filled.

She leaves besides the daughter mentioned, one other daughter, Grace (Mrs. D. C. Williams), of Unadilla; four grandchildren, Donald, Wayne, Norman and Grace Eloise, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Perkins; two sisters, Miss Marian Coleman and Mrs. Bertha Hull; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Van Court, who at the advanced age of ninety-five years, was able to attend her funeral; several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral, which was held from the Universalist church on Tuesday, was largely attended by friends in and from out of town, with the Rev. Charles Kramer of Cooperstown officiating, with burial in the village cemetery.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richards and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Burdick, Clarence Parker, Mrs. Bertha Simmons, Mrs. Elsie Fitch of Burlington Flats; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Higbie from Richfield Springs; Louise Williams of Utica; Mrs. Lucy Parke and Mrs. Elmina Wright of West Winfield.

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