

[Funk, Laette S.]

SPRINGFIELD CENTRE.

On Tuesday afternoon occurred the death of Mrs. Laette S. Funk, and with her passing, a blameless life has closed, beautiful in its example of sincerity, loyalty and integrity, the reverential memory of which will live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Mrs. Funk was born on Dec. 28, 1855, in the same house where she passed away. In her youth she attended the Universalist Church, later becoming a member. She always lived conscientiously according to the teachings of her faith. One of nature's gentlewomen, Mrs. Funk was ever refined, sensitive, appreciative and sympathetic. She was a staunch friend of Springfield, her interest in the town and its people being whole-hearted. A friend to all, she always rejoiced in their successes. She was unusually devoted to her home, happy and content within its boundaries. Afflicted with deafness since early womanhood, she accepted her cross with beautiful patience and fortitude, never even being heard to rebel or question why she was denied the joy of hearing the voices of those she loved and the other pleasures of life not for the deaf. Mrs. Funk had an unusually bright mind and keen mentality which she retained to the end. She was well read and intellectual, keeping abreast of the times. She was a brilliant conversationalist with a delightfully keen sense of humor.

She leaves a husband, John J. Funk, and a daughter, Mary Loomis, to mourn the loss of a faithful, devoted wife and wonderful mother.

With a wonderful talent for writing she has for over forty years been the correspondent of many weekly papers, including the Mercury, and a few dailies. She was recently working upon a history of Springfield.

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