

[Gardner, Marshall Frederick]

Marshall Frederick Gardner

Marshall Gardner, a life long resident of this community, died at the home of his uncle, Frederick Gardner, at Dimmick Hollow, on Saturday March 8, 1941.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Emily Cristman, to whom he was married on February 29, 1916; his father, Delos Gardner of Morris; two brothers, Henry of Waterville and Weldon of Morris; a sister, Mary (Mrs. Reuben Miller) of Morris; and by numerous nephews and nieces.

He had been for many years a sufferer from pulmonary tuberculosis and for four years, had been confined to his bed.

Through all the years of sickness with its resulting suffering and sorrow, he had looked always to the world with a smile and a word of courage and of hope. A lively and informed interest in life, in friends, in government, in topics of the day, made a visit to him not only a pleasure, for friendship's sake, but a profitable venture into an intellectual world, whose happenings and events from his cloistered place, he saw with a singularly clear and penetrating objectivity.

He was a life long member of the Universalist Church of Morris, New York, whose pastor, the Rev. Fred G. Leonard, because of illness, could not participate in the funeral services which were held Tuesday, March 11, 1941, at the Baptist Church at South New Berlin, with C. H. Skinner, D.D., officiating.

For many years, Mr. Gardner had been intimately associated with the Odd Fellows Lodge of South New Berlin, and was widely known in the fraternal circles of that organization. A special memorial service for him was held there on Monday evening. (Brother Marshall Gardner joined Victor Lodge, No. 111, I.O.O.F., April 23, 1912. He was a Past Grand, had represented his lodge at a session of the Grand Lodge, and was a member of P.D.D. Lingee's staff of grand officers. There was an attendance of 36 Odd Fellows at the service held at the home of Bro. Laverne Anderson in this village, Monday evening—a very impressive service)—Ed.

For several years he owned and operated the Cristman farm, later moving to South New Berlin village, and for years prior to his illness he was in the employ of the Central School here.

He was a genial, kindly man with a wide circle of acquaintances, and the writer with more than a passing regret, lays here upon his bier, not alone the tribute of respect of the many who called him friend, but the tribute of his own affection and esteem for one whose friendship he had treasured for many years.

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His uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, and his faithful wife, have given unstintingly of time and effort for his comfort during the four years he has been ill at the Gardner home.

Interment will be in Riverside cemetery at South New Berlin, New York.

Six Odd Fellows acted as bearers: Hugh Lingee, Bert Dixson, Will Coy, William Martin, John McGuire and Luke White.

Friends and relatives attending the funeral of Marshall Gardner, Tuesday, March 11th, were: Delos Gardner, Weldon Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner and Parley Baulf of Dimmick Hollow; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller, Harry Gardner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sargent, Frank Elliott, Mrs. Roy Knickerbocker, Mrs. Kenneth Eggleston, Mrs. Laverne Lull, Mrs. Harry Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Backus, Mrs. Homer Davis and Mrs. Frank Benedict, all of Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner, Mrs. Benj. Stebbens, Gilbertsville; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cristman, New Berlin.

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