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Funeral of Mrs. Susan Hemstreet

Sherman, Oct. 8.—The funeral of Mrs. Susan Hemstreet was held Wednesday afternoon from the Universalist church, Rev. A. [Alfred] R. Fiske officiating. Mrs. Hemstreet had been ill for some time, her case being a peculiar one. Over a month ago a growth in the throat prevented her swallowing, and she was slowly starving. In her condition an operation on the throat was not advisable, but an operation was performed by which a tube was pit into the stomach from the outside, through which she was fed. Unable to take an anesthetic, she underwent the operation with only local injections. In a short time she recovered her strength somewhat and was able to walk to town. About a week before her death the throat trouble became much worse and it was found she was past medical help, and her death was a relief from intense suffering. Mrs. Hemstreet was the mother of 10 children, eight of whom were with her at the last. She was a woman of splendid qualities, patient, kindhearted and cheerful under discouraging circumstances. The burial was in the Waits Corners cemetery.

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Obituary.

After a long illness, the death of Mrs. Susan Hemstreet occurred Monday night, Oct. 1, at her home in this village. By her bedside were gathered sons and daughters who had been summoned home from distant points in order that they might look again upon the living countenance of their mother. Although her sufferings heretofore had been acute, she passed away peacefully. The immediate cause of her death was a cancerous growth in the throat.

The funeral services were held in the Universalist church Wednesday, Oct. 3, at one o'clock, the pastor, Rev. A. [Albert] R. Fiske officiating. Interment was at Waits [Watts] Corners, where the deceased was laid beside her husband, Hartwell Hemstreet, whose death occurred some fifteen years ago.

Mrs. Hemstreet was an old resident of Sherman and widely and favorably known. She was born in Jefferson county seventy-two years ago and lived in the vicinity of Sherman for upwards of forty years. Her life was an active one and was spent not exclusively in the pursuit of personal happiness, but likewise in the helping and blessing of others. She was a member of the Universalist church of Sherman, was a consistent christian, and one whose amiable disposition and pleasing personality won for her a large circle of friends. Although her life was largely made up of cares and responsibilities, those who knew her most intimately testify to her bright and hopeful nature. Her life in itself was a record of noble deeds and kind words.

Surviving the deceased are ten children who were all present at the funeral with the exception of one son, Lloyd Hemstreet, who resides in the state of Washington. The other children are: Larue of Boston, Mass.; Byron of Portland, N.Y.; Bert of Volant, Pa.; Mrs. Rose Wilbur of Cresco, Iowa.; Mrs. May Clarke, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Luella Walters of Cambridge Springs, Pa.; Mrs. Melissa Sweatland of Racine, Wis.; and Mrs. Lizzie Huntley and Miss A. Dell Hemstreet of Sherman.

Although death has claimed this noble woman, the memory of her is enshrined in the hearts of children and friends, and there is infinite consolation in the thought than when the door closes upon this life, it opens to one fairer, sweeter and diviner.

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