

[Marshall, Velora A. Smith]

Died

Velora E., daughter of Henry and Anna Spaulding Smith, was born in Avoca, Nov. 7, 1829, and died at her home near Wheeler on Saturday Sept. 10. She was married to the late Franklin J. Marshall, Oct. 17, 1850, and has lived at the homestead ever since that date. Two children survive, Dollie V. and O. F. Marshall, ex-supervisor of the town of Wheeler. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Charles F. Bushnell [Universalist] of this village at the family residence, Monday, Sept. 12.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Velora Smith Marshall, widow of the late Frank J. Marshall, and daughter of Henry Smith, one of the early settlers of Bath—then, Avoca now—died at her home in Wheeler, September 10, 1898.

She had been in delicate health for about eight years, during which time it might truly be said she was waiting for the Master. Her last illness was short and painful, but could not disturb the unfaltering trust she had in Christ as her savior. Without a murmur or a fear she watched the waves of death as they dashed upon the shores of time and reminded her that the moorings of her frail bark would soon part, and her peaceful spirit float silently over to the other shore and the clay go to its eternal sleep in earth's maternal bosom.

Her only children, Miss Dolly V. and O. Fred Marshall, of Wheeler—now the only living members of the Marshall family—will miss her smiles, her kind words and gentle presence, but not her love. A mother's affections never die. Her brother, H. Bruce Smith, of San Jacinto, California, the only living member of her father's family, will look back to the scenes of his childhood only to behold a great vacuum which can never again be filled. He can go to them, but they can never come to him, except upon the hallowed wings of memory.

The deceased was a great lover of nature, and especially of God's beautiful flowers. At her burial the floral display lighted up the shadows that so naturally gather around these solemn scenes, and the body was fairly embalmed by their delightful fragrance as it was borne to its final resting place at Wheeler Centre. Born November 7, 1829, she had almost completed man's three score years and ten, when the messenger called her to lay off the mortal and put off immortality. It is a singular coincidence, the Gen. O. F. Marshall died January 10, his son, F. J. Marshall July 10, and the subject of this obituary September 10.

The burial took place from her late residence, Sept. 12, the Rev. Chas. F. Bushnell of Cohocton, officiating.

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