

[McGibeny, Martha Messenger]

MRS. MARTHA MCGIBENY

Martha Messenger McGibeny, oldest child of Luther and Zilpha Organ Messenger, was born at Wirth Center, N.Y., July 16th, 1841, and died August 26, 1926, at her home in Friendship, N.Y., after an illness of ten days.

She was married April 3, 1858, to James F. McGibeny. To them were born seven children, five of whom survive her, together with thirteen grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. The children surviving are Bert L. McGibeny of Angelica, Mrs. Elva Graham of Angelica, Henderson L. McGibeny of Wellsville, Claude L. McGibeny of Wirt, Roy L. McGibeny of Herkimer. Her husband died January 6 ,1916.

In early womanhood she united with the Seventh Day Baptist church of Richburg and continued her membership at that place.

After coming to Friendship she attended the Universalist church with her husband.

Her husband enlisted in the Union Army August 30, 1862, and served 3 years, leaving her with two small children, and with true spirit of sacrifice she faced those years as only those women of that period knew.

Mrs. McGibeny possessed a rare spirit of gentleness and charity for all and was an inspiration for those with whom she came in contact, by her quiet, patient and helpful manner. She was truly a loving mother and true friend. Those who knew her best loved her most.

She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and W.T.C.U.

The funeral services were held at her late home, Sunday, August 28, 1926, Rev. Clara Morgan [Universalist] of Hornell, officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope cemetery, her four sons acting as bearers.

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