

[Ransom, Isabella C. Jones]

MRS. RANSOM'S FUNERAL

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Frank H. Ransom were held at three o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of her brother, Henry R. Jones, No. 267 Georgia street. Mrs. Ransom, while on a tour through continents, in company with her husband and children, died at Rome, Italy, April 28th. She was feeling slightly unwell on Saturday, the 25th, but nothing alarming was anticipated until the night of the 27th, when she rapidly grew worse, and died on the following morning of rupture of one of the blood vessels of the heart. The body was embalmed and placed in a leaden coffin covered with velvet. This was enclosed in a wooden coffin covered with black broadcloth; this in turn was covered with straw, and over all was placed a cover of canvas. Such is the superstition of sailors against sailing with a dead body that the remains had to be labeled Roman statuary and sent by another ship than that which the party took in crossing the ocean. The remains arrived in Buffalo Wednesday. There was a large attendance at the funeral. The Rev. W. E. Gibbs was the officiating clergyman. The quartette of the Church of the Messiah [Universalist], composed of Miss Jennie Lessler, Miss Julia L. Cobb, Mr. John Lapey, and William Page, sang with good expression "Still, Still With Thee" to the music of Mendelssohn's "Consolation," "Beneath the Cross" by [?], and as a closing hymn, "I would not live away." On the plate of the coffin was this inscription:

Died April 28, 1885
Isabella C. Ransom
Aged thirty-seven years.

The flowers were numerous and of surprising beauty. Among them was a chain of [?], composed of white roses, with the third link broken. This was the gift of Mrs. Ransom's brothers and sisters.

There were [ten?] members of the family, and Mrs. Ransom was the first to be taken.

The Rev. Mr. Gibbs spoke feelingly of the dead, of the cheerful, joyous life which she had always lead, and of the inspiring and elevating influence such a life had upon those by whom Mrs. Ransom was surrounded.

The pallbearers were Norris [M__?], R. V. Pierce, Henry C. French, Robert P. Wilson, Andrew Langdon, and Alfred Haines. The interment was at Forest Lawn.

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