

[Smith, Elsie Guile]

SMITH

Mrs. Elsie Smith, relict of the late Wells Smith, died at her residence in Silver Springs on Perry Avenue, Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, August 4th, 1899. The cause of her death was cerebral embolism. Funeral services were held at the home, Saturday at 3 p.m. and the remains interred in Maplewood cemetery at Gainesville. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles Palmatier, pastor of the Universalist church at Perry. The floral offerings were abundant and most beautiful.

The deceased was a daughter of Nathan and Lydia Gile and was born at North Gainesville, November 16th, 1821. Her parents were early settlers in the town, coming here from Vermont.

She was married to Mr. Smith April 22nd, 1847. They lived at Gainesville a number of years and moved to Silver Springs shortly after the war, going to Warsaw in a short time after, where they lived 14 years, removing here in 1883. Mr. Smith died August 12th, 1890.

She was the mother of four girls, two of whom survive, Mrs. Eliza Lowing of Buffalo and Miss Mary Smith of this place. Frances, who married Giles Gilbert died in 1883 and Evelyn died in 1870. She was one of ten children, three girls and seven boys. Two sisters and one brother survive, Mrs. N. R. Tiffany of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Mrs. Henry Howell of Denver, Colorado and T. J. Gile.

The deceased had been in failing health for several years and suffered a paralytic stroke July 25th from which she never rallied, gradually sinking until she quietly and peacefully passed away. During her last illness she was in no pain and calmly awaited the end of life with cheerfulness and joy. So gradually did she pass away, the change was almost imperceptible. With a smile on her face she was gone to meet the loved ones that had passed before.

Mrs. Smith was indeed a most lovable woman. To know her was to esteem her. She had a marvelously sweet disposition, so kind and charitable. To her the world was a friend and she a friend to it. She had a smile and pleasant word for all and never did she cause a pain by a word or unkind look. She was a faithful wife and mother and a useful member of the community. Her family and this village have suffered an irreparable loss, but her life and example are dear memories to those who loved her.

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