

[Stilson, Rhoda Elizabeth Rush Smiley]

The death of Mrs. Rhoda Smiley Stilson occurred at her home near Bemus Point at 12:50 Thursday night at the age of 92 years. Mrs. Stilson was born in Ellery, in sight of her present home, Aug. 8, 1938 and had always made her home in Ellery with the exception of a brief period when she resided in Jamestown. Mrs. Stilson was the daughter of Israel and Elizabeth Rush, who were pioneer settlers of Ellery. On December 7, 1856, Miss Rush was united in marriage with Alvah Smiley and to them were born two daughters, Mrs. R. Elizabeth Drayton, who passed on April 20, 1893, and Mrs. Marcia S. Haskin, who resides at Belleview. In 1906 Mr. Smiley passed away and in 1915 Mrs. Smiley married George Stilson of Jamestown, who also preceded her in death some years ago. Mrs. Stilson had enjoyed full use of all her faculties always and greatly enjoyed visits of her host of friends. In addition to the daughter named, Mrs. Marcia Haskin, Mrs. Stilson is survived by eight grandchildren, Mrs. Alberta D. Johnson of Buffalo, Alvah I. Drayton of Bemus Point, Mrs. Bernice Dake of Ellery, Mrs. Adelia B. Baker of Buffalo, Mrs. Bertha Hooper of Greenhurst, Louis R. Drayton of Federalsburg, Md., Mrs. Beatrice Russ of Merriwold, Mrs. Edith Liddell of Belleview as well as seventeen great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in the Universalist Church here at 1 p.m. Sunday with Rev. Dr. A. E. Randell, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Jamestown, officiating.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. STILSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Rhoda Elizabeth Smiley Stilson were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Bemus Point from the Universalist church, of which she was a member. Rev. Dr. Alfred E. Randell, pastor of the First Congregational church of Jamestown, officiated. Mrs. George W. Thompson and Mrs. B. G. Haskin sang two selections, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. D. L. Johnson. The bearers were: Earl Pickard, Jack Cochrane, Earl Dake, Jr., Clarence Hooper, Fred Dake, and Noah Foster. The interment was in the Bemus Point cemetery.

Those present from away included Mrs. Alberta D. Johnson of Buffalo, Mrs. Howard Russ of Merriwold, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pickard of Clymer. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, Allan Johnson and the Misses Leonora and Winifred Johnson of Buffalo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Centner of Dunkirk, who started yesterday morning for Bemus to attend the funeral service, telephoned relatives that they were obliged to turn back on account of the severe snow and sleet storm in the northern part of the county.

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