

[Willard, Frank Rollah]

Obituary.

Mrs. Frank Rollah Willard, wife of Mr. Oscar J. Willard, died early Monday morning at the residence of Mrs. Wilson Willard, after an illness of less than a week. Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, Benjamin F. Rollah, of Perry, who has been here the past week, and two sons, Leon, aged fifteen years, and Kenneth, aged about eight months.

Mrs. Willard was taken with a chill on Tuesday of last week, which was the beginning of a violent attack of peritonitis. Her condition did not improve and a trained nurse was summoned from Rochester, and Saturday evening, pneumonia developed in the right lung. Dr. Brown, the attending physician, suggested that a specialist be sent for and Sunday morning, Dr. C. C. Frederick arrived here from Buffalo and spent the greater part of the day in the sick chamber. Before leaving the house Dr. Frederick gave members of the family some encouragement for her recovery, but pneumonia developed so rapidly that medical aid was of no avail, and about 5 o'clock Monday morning, Mrs. Willard closed her eyes, never to again awake. While the immediate members of the family knew their loved one was in a critical condition, yet no one had the slightest supposition that the end was so near. Mrs. Willard remained conscious and recognized those gathered about the bed up to an hour or so before the end.

Frank Rollah Willard was born in this village thirty-nine years ago and resided with her parents up to the time of her marriage to Mr. Willard nearly eighteen years ago, when they established a home on State street. Pending the remodeling of their house, Mr. and Mrs. Willard moved to his mother's home some four weeks ago, and within the next few days would have been nicely settled in their new home—a home as near complete with a view to comfort as is possible to build. Mrs. Willard's mother died on April 10th last, after a long illness, and on Easter Sunday was laid to rest in Oakwood. In early life the deceased attended Nunda Union School. She was a talented musician and was considered a pianist of ability. Her death removes from the community a most estimable woman—a woman admired and respected by all. She realized the end was near and on Sunday afternoon when little Kenneth, her eight-month-old son, was taken into the sick chamber, she told her sister-in-law, Mrs. [Carrie] Rose, that he would soon be her child.

No death in recent years has so shocked and saddened the whole community. It seemed to all her friends as though it could not be—ought not to be so. She had so much to live for; with a happy household, a devoted husband, children and father—and about to occupy their remodeled home. Her anticipations were unusually bright and promising for many years of life's sweetest pleasures.

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The funeral service, which was brief and simple[,] was largely attended at the residence of Mrs. Wilson Willard. Rev. Clara E. Morgan [Universalist] who officiated made a short prayer and after reading the twenty-third psalm, made a few remarks. There was no singing. There was a large display of floral pieces, Mr. Willard's associates in the Foote Mfg. Co., of which he is 2nd vice president, sending Gates Ajar, made up of carnations, roses and sweet peas. Other floral pieces were as follows: wreath of roses and brown ivy from Nunda Casket Co. employees, in which company Mr. Willard is largely interested [as one of the founders]; wreath of pansies, Miss Lovell; pillow, two harps, star and crescent, from lady friends; roses, Mrs. Geo. Graves; sweet peas, Mrs. E. M. Scranton; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Willet; carnations, Mrs. S. G. Rhinevault. The bearers were Messrs. Chas. E. Foote, L. P. Higgins, Dr. Wm. Baylor and John D. Grimes. The burial which was private took place in Oakwood cemetery shortly after the services at the house.

Among those from out-of-town to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Willett, of Cory, Pa.; Mrs. E. M. Scranton, of Rochester; Mr. H. C. Linscott, of Buffalo; Mrs. Julia Healy, of Canaseraga and Mrs. A. E. Sutherland, of Rochester.—Nunda News.

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