

[Wilner, Betsey]

DEATHS.

In Portage, Livingston co., N.Y., June 8th, Mrs. BETSEY WILNER, wife of George Wilner, Esq., aged 59 years and 10 months.—Sister Wilner was a true woman, and an earnest living Universalist. She not only *lived* Universalism, but *loved* it. Her family were among the early settlers here, and were the first to avow themselves believers in Him who came to save the *whole world*. She was a devoted member of the Universalist Church in Portageville, (which was organized in 1842 by Br. [Alanson] Kelsey,) and through evil report and good report she faltered not... She was always ready to give a reason for her hope, and during her painful sickness of over one year, it yielded her strong consolation... A large circle of relatives and friends mourn her loss, but they mourn not without hope. The funeral services were held in the Universalist Church where the consolations of the gospel were administered by the writer. May the blessings of the Infinite Father rest upon those who are bowed down by this afflictive Providence, and lead them to imitate the virtues of her, whose death they mourn.

S. R. W. [Rev. Samuel R. Ward]

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