

[Zoller, Mary]

Mary Zoller¹

After a long and very painful illness she found release in death. She had lived a loving and faithful life, had found a rare delight in working with and for her church. Many there be who will hold her in greatful [grateful] remembrance. To her parents and brothers and sisters she was especially dear for her daughterly affection and her helpfulness and her sisterly love. In her will she left to the church of her choice, as [a] constant reminder of her affection, a legacy of five hundred dollars. Though this cannot take the place of her faithfulness, earnestness and consecration in the work of the church, it will serve as a reminder of her and the work she did and her love for the church and hence [will] be an inspiration to others likewise to be faithful.

The following memorial verses were written by her former pastor and constant friend, Rev. J. H. Ballou [of the Universalist Church] of Geneva, N.Y.

"Lines on the decease of Miss Mary Zoller—aged 53 years—Respectfully inscribed to her surviving mother and sisters by the author."

[The first two stanzas are omitted here.]

Out through the shadows soon or late
All mortal hearts must go,
None are exempt of small or great
Who sojourn here below.
Yet—mid the gloom let no heart fail
Though the way be as dark as night
There's one way out from the shadowy vale
'Tis through to the realms of light."

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¹ Per her memorial #10184412 on Find A Grave, her parents were John I. Zoller, 1805-1891, and Eliza (Sanders) Zoller 1812-1901. Also there are four sisters and three brothers connected with the family.