

MRS. ARTHUR ALEXANDER DIES IN KIRKSVILLE

Passes Away at the Home of her Daughter, Mrs. Minnie Willis

Columbia Van Gray, daughter of Richard and Catherine Gray, was born in Ohio, June 9, 1851, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Willis, just south of Kirksville, Wednesday night, Jan. 21, 1925, at 10:30 o'clock. She had been an invalid for the past four years, but had been sick only a short time.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Alexander, May 18, 1873, and came to Missouri in 1885, and located in Milan, Missouri, May 30 of that year, living there about twenty years before moving to a farm near Yarrow where she and her husband resided three years. They left Missouri living in Des Arc, Arkansas, for about twenty years, then came back to Kirksville last Oct. to make their home with their daughter. She united with the Methodist church when she was about 21 years of age, and was a faithful follower and believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom her trust was staid. She was a patient, loving, and kind wife and mother. During the long years and intense suffering she had a smile and cheerful word for everyone, and was loved by all who knew her. Her cheerful and sweet disposition, her unflinching trust in God was manifest in her last expiring breath.

An angel mother, a devoted wife and neighbor has gone from us, but soon in an endless eternity, we'll strive and endeavor to meet the day for whose earthly light has been extinguished, only to shine throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Mrs. Alexander is survived by her husband, A. Alexander, of Kirksville; four daughters, Mrs. Minnie Willis of Kirksville, Mrs. Lora Brandon of Green City, Mrs. Virginia Wicklund and Mrs. Mellie Alger, both of Des Arc, Arkansas; one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Tipton of Reger, Mo., and a brother, William Gray of Woolard, Oklahoma. Two other children, John William and Talma Nekoda Alexander have preceded her in death.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at one o'clock at the Hawkeye church west of Green City, by Rev. C.S. Young, and interment was in the cemetery there. The many relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

A. Alexander and children

I do not know who wrote this obituary; it was taken from a Green City newspaper.

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