

Obituary

R.E. Sturges, mention of whose death was made last week, was born in New York state on March 17, 1850. When a young man he came west and on the _____ of November, 1872, he was married in Peoria, Illinois, to Miss Ellen Britton. Eleven children were born of them and all but one are living. The deceased child was a twin and died seventeen years ago when a few weeks old. There are forty-four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

From Illinois the family moved to Marcus, Iowa, and seventeen years ago they moved to the farm in Mason township which has since been their home.

For several years he has been in failing health but at times improved considerably. Some time ago he took treatment at the Murray County hospital and was considerably relieved. A short time ago he returned to the hospital, but disease had made such inroads on his vitality his strength gave out and death ended his sufferings.

Mr. Sturges joined the Methodist church many years ago and aimed to live an upright, honest Christian life. In pioneer days in Iowa, life was not a bed of roses and he endured much hardship. But he had the faith and hope that enable people to surmount difficulties.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock last Friday afternoon and were under the auspices of the Odd Fellows' lodge of this place of which he had been a member for many years. The services were conducted by Rev. C. N. Hamrin of the Methodist church and the interment was in the Slayton cemetery. Mr. Sturges was known as a conscientious, honest man and such men have the respect and esteem of their fellow. The Gazette bears witness to this and extends sympathy to the bereaved widow and children.

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