

Bertie Benton

Occupant Name: Bertie Benton

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 6/5/1853

Date of Death: 10/13/1898

Date of Burial: 1898

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Death of a Noble Lady.

Although our citizens had been expecting the worst for several days, yet they were inexpressedly shocked, Friday morning, upon learning the sad news of the death of Mrs. Bertie Benton, wife of W. L. Benton, at her late home in Muncie, this state. While expecting the worst, yet her relatives and hosts of friends here were hoping that a change for the better might set in; but it was hoping against hope, for on Thursday night, October 13th, 1898, the summons came, her spirit took its flight from the body racked with pain to its Heavenly home and the Recording Angel announced her name to the Heavenly hosts as she was ushered into the presence of her Master, whom she had so faithfully served and in whom she always placed implicit confidence.

The deceased was one of Brownstown's most highly esteemed and christian ladies. Her sweet, kind and gentle disposition made her warm friends of all who came into her presence. She was a loving mother, a devoted wife and dutiful and obedient daughter, and in her death a noble woman has gone from among us; but the influence of her christian life will live on and inspire those who knew her to emulate her many good qualities.

She had been in bad health for a number of years, but patiently bore her sufferings and trials with christian fortitude, and when death finally came to her relief, she was prepared, as she so expressed herself to those about her in her last hours. She had so lived that she feared not death.

Bertie Applewhite, daughter of Judge Ralph and Josephine Applewhite (the latter deceased,) was born in Hanover, Indiana, June 5th, 1853, and died at Muncie, Indiana, of peritonitis, Thursday night October 13th, 1898, aged 45 years, 4 months and 8 days. In 1854 her parents moved to Brownstown, where she has since resided, with the exception of a few years' residence in St. Louis and Seymour, and a few month's residence at Muncie, where she died.

She was united in marriage to Walter L. Benton, February 17th, 1874, to which union were born three children, viz: Minnie J., wife of Elmer Shepard; James H., and George R., all of whom are still living.

She joined the Methodist Episcopal church when about twelve years of age, and has always remained a zealous and faithful member thereof, being active in all the church work; and "Charity" was ever her motto, which she faithfully practiced through life.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. N. Fletcher, of Carthage, and Rev. E. L. Sanders, of this place, at the M. E. church, Sunday morning, October 16th, at 10 o'clock, and was one of the largest ever held in Brownstown, quite a number from Seymour and various other parts of the county being present, and quite a number of beautiful floral designs adorned the casket. After services at the church, the remains were laid to rest in Fairyview cemetery.

Her father, husband, three children and two brothers survive her, to whom is extended the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends.