

RICHARD ZEMKE

Edith Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Reuben and Lucinda Smith, was born December 20, 1871, in Maple Grove. After a period of failing health, she passed away at her home Sunday evening, April 23, 1943, at the age of sixty-one years, four months and three days. Funeral services were conducted at her home by Rev. H. B. Johnson of Oxford, assisted by Rev. Walter Briggs of Vermontville. Burial was made in Woodland Cemetery.

Her girlhood was spent at the farm home of her parents. May 11, 1904 she was united in marriage to Richard Zemke. To this union were born one son, Reinhart, and three daughters, Irene, Margareta, and Martha. They started their journey through wedded life at the present farm home. Besides the husband and children, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Alice Pennock, Mrs. Eva Brumm and Mrs. Inez Wash of Nashville and a host of relatives and friends.

Our beloved Maker and Architect of life ably drew a plan, that at the present time we are not gifted with the powers to understand, but we are aware of his great wisdom in guiding our dear Mother thus far on her journey. Dear to our hearts, are the memories that loiter with us, radiant memories of a mother's sacrifice. With noble hands and a sincere heart she diligently performed the tasks that were assigned to her. Endowed with limitless faith in God's strength and eternal willingness to help, she built a true home within those walls. It seems our longfellow was thinking of a character like this one when he wrote the following lines:

"My Lord has need of these flowers
 Its gay."
 "The Reaper said and smiled;
 "Dear tokens of the earth are they,
 When he was once a child.
 "They shall all bloom in fields of
 lights,
 Transplanted by my care,
 And saints upon their garments
 white.
 "These sacred blossoms wear."
 And the mother gave, in tears and
 pain,
 The flowers she most did love;
 She knew she should find them all
 again
 In the fields of light above.
 not in cruelty, nor in wrath,
 The Reaper came that day:
 'Twas an angel visited the green
 earth,
 And took the flowers away.

MRS. ROY HAMMOND

Holt, April 23.—The funeral of Mrs. Roy Hammond of St. Louis, Mo., was held from the First Presbyterian church in Holt, Michigan, Wednesday afternoon, April 26, at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. P. Andrews officiated.

Mrs. Hammond was formerly Miss Cora Aldrich of Holt. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Aldrich who were early settlers of Delhi township. She was a graduate of Lansing high school, attended Albion college and taught school in Holt. She is survived by her husband, one sister, Mrs. Oran Ellett of Marshalltown, Ia., and several cousins in Mason and Holt.

Miss Cora Aldrich came here and taught in Vermontville schools in the 90s and was principal before her marriage to Roy L. Hammond. Her sister Charlotte was also a teacher in the local school continuing for sometime after Mrs. Hammond severed her connection with the school. Their mother, Mrs. Mary Aldrich was also a resident of Vermontville at that time. Mrs. Hammond served on the school board at the time "The Last Leaf", the school annual was published in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond made Chicago their home for some time and have resided in other states.

George Benedict

George Benedict died Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Bessie G. Price, in Lansing, after a two months illness at the age of 79 years, eleven months and fourteen days. He was born in Delphi, N. Y., February 10, 1854, and died January 24, 1934. He came to Ohio then to Michigan when but a small boy and has lived in and near Vermontville the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Maccabees for the past 53 years. He leaves to mourn their loss two daughters and one son, Lillian T. Boland, Bessie G. Price and Ned Benedict; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren all of Lansing; one brother, Charlie; and three sisters, Mrs. Elida Clapper, Mrs. O. Worden and Mrs. Edith Cupples of Charlotte; also several nieces and nephews. He was a loving father and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 26th, at Ward's funeral home in Vermontville and was well attended, his body laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery. Elder J. M. Roach officiating.

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