

# ESTEEMED PIONEER

MRS. G. LYMAN CHAPMAN, PASSES SUDDENLY TO HER REST.  
FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

The community was shocked late Friday afternoon, to learn of the passing of Mrs. G. Lyman Chapman, who had been an invalid at her late home the past 18 months.

Although she had been gradually failing, only her immediate family and intimate friends realized it; and none felt the end was so near, as she had seemed brighter and better the last two days of her earthly sojourn.

While the end was sudden, it was also beautiful. She was sitting in her invalid's chair on the broad veranda of the Chapman home, that had been her favorite resting place for years; had just partaken of a glass of cold water and commenced to read her favorite magazine handed by the devoted husband, who sat by her side, when the sudden summons came; and in the twinkling of an eye she was gone—the spirit had taken its upward flight and the tired body was at rest. Her last earthly view was the clear sky, and the beautiful flower garden she had carefully tended so many years, while the last music in her ears, was that furnished by nature—she also dearly loved—the carol of birds in the nearby trees, and the rippling sounds of the Shawassee that flows on and on at the foot of the lawn.

The two daughters and grandson were summoned, and she was tenderly carried to her room. This was, probably, the third stroke of paralysis since the first one on Dec. 8, 1912, that made her an invalid.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday she lay in state, in a beautiful oak-casket, in the parlors, and many pioneer friends, neighbors and associates called to look upon her face for the last time. Exquisite floral pieces of roses, carnations and sweet peas surrounded the casket, silent testimonials of the high esteem and love in which she was held by all who knew her. Especially beautiful were the pieces from the Masonic orders.

Funeral services were held from the home, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under auspices of the Eastern Star, assisted by Rev. M. T. Seelye, pastor of the M. E. church.

Mrs. Nora Christian Adleman sang "Abide With Me," and the Star, that ever appropriate hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Owing to inclemency of the weather the beautiful burial service of the Star was held at the home in presence of a large number of friends, and she was laid away in "Wildwood," beside her son, Earl.

The service at the grave, by the pastor, was very pretty and impressive. A golden glow shone in the western sky as the casket was lowered, emblematic of the light and life Beyond.

Serena C. Vincent, daughter of Rhoda and H. Earl Vincent, was born in Vincent, Ohio, March 2, 1843, and passed away in Chesaning, July 10, 1914, aged 71 years, 4 months and 8 days.

She was united in marriage to G. Lyman Chapman, at Vincent, Ohio, January 10th, 1866, and came here a bride with her husband, to what was then a comparatively new country.

Three children were born of this union, Mrs. May Kinch, of Chesaning, Florence, at home, and a son, Earl, who died at the age of 16 years. Besides her husband and two daughters she leaves one grandson, Vincent Kinch, one brother, O. B. Vincent, of Qually, Ohio, besides nephews, nieces and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Her sister, Mrs. E. A. Gardner, who visited her nearly every season of late years, preceded her to the Beyond three years since.

Mrs. Chapman finished her education in a select school at Barlow, under Professor Perry, an instructor of Harvard College, and later taught school for several years.

She was of a musical family, and during her early life in Chesaning, sang in the M. E. choir with Libbie and Phena Mason, Emily Leonard, Mary Manning, R. P. Mason, Norman Parshall and Leonard Jewett; being one of the singers when the church was dedicated 45 years ago.

She early united with the Univer-

salist church, in which faith she continued to the close.

She was a charter member of the Eastern Star and for 8 years its ef-

ficient secretary, was also a charter member, and very active in the Woman's Club, of which she was Vice-president and chairman of program committee. Likewise was a charter member of the Ladies' Library Association, and Relief band in both of which she did valient service.

Was a ready and willing worker in all good works, and none who came to her for aid were ever turned away empty handed.

She was of a literary turn of mind well versed in literature, and a great reader; her large library being composed of the standard authors, the poets she loved, and the best of late writings. She was possessed of a fine memory and mind, that with early culture, made her a host, on whom one could always depend for information on nearly every subject.

She was a kind neighbor, true friend, a loving, devoted wife, mother, and home-maker, and will be greatly missed by those who knew her best, especially her immediate family circle who have cared for her with utmost devotion the past 18 months.

"Thy work all done; into glory  
Gone; God giveth thee rest."

C. W. M.