

## **Death of Mrs. Mary Pierce**

**1850 – 1900**

Mrs. Mary Pierce died yesterday morning between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock at her residence in this village after an illness of two months duration of cancerous degeneration of the pancreas.

The deceased was born in the state of New York July 7, 1850, and came to this country with her parents when quite young and settled in the town of Exeter, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Wallace, still reside.

Dec. 20, 1871, she was married to Thomas Evans and for many years they resided in Monroe, after which they removed to Le Mars, Iowa, where Mr. Evans died Nov. 26, 1893, of consumption with other complications.

Four children were born to them of which three survive, Sadie, Alex, and Johnnie.

Oct. 20, 1898, she was married to James E. Pierce, who, together with the children, survive her. Her age was 50 years, 4 months and 14 days.

When residing at Monroe she joined the Congregational church of that place, of which organization she was also an ardent member in Iowa. Soon after her marriage to Mr. Pierce in 1898 she became a member of the M. E. church of this place. She was active in every work of benevolence and true charity. She was a Christian not merely in profession, but in deed. She relied not upon her personal attractions, however, but united with them a heart ever full of Christian gentleness and sweetness. She was beloved by everyone so fortunate to know her, and her gentle ministrations in the often repelling labors of charity were the crowning features of her life.

The funeral services were held from the residence this afternoon at 12 o'clock, Elder A. E. Bloom, pastor of the Advent Christian church, conducting the same. Hundreds of persons gathered at and around the home of the deceased and were ushered in to look for the last time upon the face of her who laid cold in death. The scene was heart-rendering. The casket was completely buried in the choicest of flowers and all were beautifully arranged. Tears flooded many an eye as the divine pictured the sad taking off of one of the brightest woman.

The remains were taken on the 1:55 afternoon train to Le Mars, Iowa, for interment, accompanied by the grief stricken husband and sons, James E. Pierce and Alex. Evans.