

## **Maria McGoon**

**April 30, 1829 - Sept. 21, 1896**

Mrs. Richard McGoon, whose death was recorded in The Messenger last week, had reached the age of 67 years, 4 months and 21 days. She was married to Mr. McGoon away back in the pioneer days of the 40's, and ever since that time had devoted her time to the welfare and happiness of those around her. One of the beautiful traits of her nature was that she always had a good word for everyone. By her death the family are bereaved of a kind and loving wife and mother and the entire neighborhood of a warm and generous friend.

Her maiden name was Maria Wood and coming to Wisconsin with her parents while yet in her youth, she had been a resident of the state for more than 50 years, and had done her part in helping to change it from the wilderness it was at the time she first set foot upon its soil, to the present time, when its towns, its cities and its happy and prosperous people are the wonder of the world.

One by one those dear old people whom we have learned to love and revere for the part they have taken in the up-building of our country are leaving us; one by one we are laying them away to a peaceful and everlasting rest, and as the dark portals of the tomb close around them and hide their dear forms forever from our visions, let us who are left behind see that the memories of their labor, love and devotion for us and ours, be kept ever fresh and green.

In their great sorrow the family has the sympathy of a host of friends.