

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1938

OBITUARY
(Courtesy of Hazel Hogle)



Betsy Hooper Pett was born at Rome, Wisconsin, Dec. 2, 1856 and passed away May 9, 1938 at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Harriet Hooper. On February 22, 1876 she was united in marriage to William Henry Pett. Mr. and Mrs. Pett bought from Orrie Sherman the farm where Mr. Pett was born, and they lived their entire married life on the same farm in the town of Eagle. For sixty-one years, they worked and toiled together and were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding in Zion church. Mr. George Hooper, a brother of the bride, and Mrs. Edward Coad, a cousin of the groom, were attendants at the wedding in her Father's house and were also present at the Golden Wedding.

Altho advanced in age, Mrs. Pett was a remarkable woman for her years and kept a very keen interest in topics of the day. Most devoted to her home she was able, almost up to the last, to take complete charge of all her duties. Mrs. Pett was called upon, as were so many of our pioneer women, to assist in caring for the sick and was known throughout the community as always ready and glad to go when called upon. It was a great source of satisfaction that in spite of her years she was able to care for her aged husband who grew more dependent as his eye sight failed him. Mr. Pett preceded his wife in death June 20, 1937. Three children, two daughters and a son, preceded them in death.

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At a very early age, Mrs. Pett affiliated with the Church and has always been active in church activities. She was a devout Christian woman who in spite of many sorrows and hardships kept her optimism and her faith in God. A good Mother and a kind neighbor and friend will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

About two weeks ago she fell and sustained an injury which resulted in her death. Her survivors are one daughter (Mrs. Alvin Orchard of Dousman), three sons (Archie of Little Prairie, Clifford of Palmyra, and Bert at home who works the farm and has been a devoted and constant companion of his aged Mother). She also leaves eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two brothers (George and Edward of Palmyra) and four sisters (Mrs. Harriet Fernald of Beloit, Mrs. Ida Trewyn of Jefferson, Mrs. George Weaver of Elkhorn, and Mrs. Jennie Dunham of Canada) and many other relatives and friends.

"What is this mystery that men call
Death?
My friend before me lies; in all save
breath
She seems the same as yesterday. Her
face
So like to life, so calm, bears not a
trace
Of that great change which all of us
so dread.
I gaze on her and say: She is not dead
But sleeps, and soon she will arise
and take me by the hand.
I know she will awake and smile on
me as she did yesterday.
And she will have some gentle word
to say,
Some kindly deed to do, for loving
thought
Was warp and woof of which her life
was wrought.
She is not dead. Such souls forever
live
In boundless measure of the love they
give."

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Pett at the Palmyra Funeral Home Thursday afternoon, May 12, at two o'clock. Rev. W. W. Holliday officiated, assisted by Rev. E. D. Allen. Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Ashley Rhodes and Mrs. Irving Welkos, with Mrs. F. H. Koch at the organ. She was tenderly laid to rest in Zion cemetery, with her grandsons, Harold and Curtis Orchard, Lloyd, Donald, Merrill and Howard Pett, as bearers.