

MRS LAURAETTA SHERMAN

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Mrs. Lauraetta Walton Sherman widow of the late Enoch Sherman, after months of enfeebled health, quietly fell asleep to awaken, in heaven, the summons coming at 12:30 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, June 11, when she breathed her last at the home of her son, W.H. Sherman, and wife, 425 Grand Ave.

In the death of Mrs. Sherman, Waukesha loses one of its oldest most respected and beloved friends and neighbors. She was a great lover of home, one of the family of nine children and often related the active life of the early pioneer. She lived for a time on Arlington street, until she purchased a small home on Wisconsin Avenue where she resided until an injury caused her to give up housekeeping.

Mrs. Sherman was a devoted member of the Baptist church, which she joined at an early age, also Sunday school member, never losing her interest as long as she was able to attend any and all of the church services. She was a cheerful invalid during her last days, and often her ready wit, and happy disposition, made her sick room, where relatives and friends gathered, a room where one gathered inspiration from her heartening words of faith and wisdom.

Lauraetta Walton was born June 20, 1831, in the state of New York and moved to Prairieville, now Waukesha, with her parents in 1836. On January 23, 1839, a council consisting of ministers and brethren from the Baptist church in Milwaukee met in the log house of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Walton, and here the first Baptist church was organized.

The Walton farm, which was located, on what is now College. Ave., was sold in later years to the Industrial school. In 1850 Lauraetta Walton was married to Enoch Sherman of Eagle and resided for fifty years on their beautiful farm, home in Eagle township. Three sons were born to the happy couple, Wallace S. of Alhambra, California; William H. of Waukesha, and James A. Who died in 1898. Mrs. Sherman leaves three sisters, Miss Martha Walton, this city; Mrs. Maria Heimbaugh of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Mary J. Adams of Lena, Ill.; and two brothers, Nathaniel of Lena, Ill., and James of Mulvane, Kansas. There were four grandchildren, two of whom are living; Mrs. Oscar Kuehn of Fond du Lac and Vinton Sherman of Eagle.

Funeral services were held from the W. H. Sherman home on Saturday at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. B. McKendry officiating. Miss Lillian Beeheim sang several of Mrs. Sherman's favorite hymns. Burial was at Eagle cemetery beside her husband and son gone before.