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Miss Katherine Lane

EAGLE — Miss Katherine Lane, 89, of Eagle died Tuesday at Watertown Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

Recently she had been living at the St. Joseph Catholic Home at Watertown. She had been an Eagle resident 86 years. She taught school for 46 years. She was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Eagle, and a member of its Altar Sodality.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Eagle. Friends may call at Mealy's Funeral Home, Eagle, after 6 p.m. Thursday. Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Theresa's Cemetery, Eagle.



KATHERINE MARY LANE

Miss Katherine Lane, 89, died Tuesday, July 2 at Watertown Memorial Hospital following a short illness. She had been living at St. Joseph's Retirement Home at Watertown recently, and had been an Eagle resident for 86 years.

Miss Lane was born Dec. 11, 1878, the daughter of John and Ellen Crowley Lane who came from Ireland when they were children. Her parents grew up in Dedham, Mass., married, and came west, settling on a farm three miles south of Eagle.

There were seven children in the Lane family: William, Katherine, Clara, Gracie, Lucy, John, and Elizabeth. All of the children attended the Eagleville rural school, and all attended college. The older members of the family worked their way through schools, and then paid for the education of the younger members. Five became teachers in public schools of Wisconsin. John taught school for two years, then entered the world of business. At his death in 1947 he was vice president and comptroller of Armour and Co., Chicago.

The three miles the children traveled, twice each day, five days a week for eight years to attend school, took them over level land, hilly land, marshes and woodlands, giving them a knowledge and a love of nature which they imparted to their pupils when they became teachers.

Katherine graduated from Whitewater Normal School, starting her teaching career in 1900. She taught for forty-two years in public schools, thirty-four of them in the schools of Janesville. She attracted much attention in the field of education because of her work in correlating the subjects of the curriculum with character education. She was often called upon to demonstrate her teaching methods to groups of teachers, and had authored articles for educational magazines.

Miss Lane retired in 1944, but her work among children did not end with her retirement. She continued to be interested in public school children and regretted that they did not obtain the knowledge of nature that was gained by children who walked long distances to school. She wanted them to learn what Plato learned when he said, "The world is God's epistle to mankind, his thoughts are flashing upon us from every direction." She wanted them to learn what Henry Ward Beecher learned when he said, "The heavens and the earth alike speak of God, and the great natural world is but another Bible."

Miss Lane was a member of the Altar Sodality of St. Theresa's Catholic Church where funeral services were held on Friday, July 5, with the mass said by

her nephew, Rev. David Shannon C.S.S.R. Burial was in the family plot in St. Theresa's cemetery. Pallbearers were Archie Gale, Martin Breidenbach, Vinton Sherman, Gerald Von Rueden, John Schmid and Matt Kau.