

ELIZABETH (BOSWORTH) BELL

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Elizabeth (Bosworth) Bell was born in Greene Township, Gallia County, Ohio, December 6, 1827. She was the daughter of Jacob and Nancy Bosworth and the fifth of a family of twelve children. Her father, with his family, moved to Jay County in May, 1836. She departed this life at her home in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, May 25, 1904, aged 76 years, 5 months and 19 days, having been a resident of Jay County for over 68 years.

On the twentieth day of July, 1844, she was united in marriage to Lewis J. Bell, a native of West Virginia, with whom she lived a happy life for almost sixty years, he being taken to his heavenly home on May 2, and she, grieved and made lonely by his departure, in twenty-three short days after, gave to earthly scenes a hurried, yet glad farewell, and hastened on to meet him in their heavenly home.

God blessed their union by a family of fourteen children, nine of whom survive to mourn their loss of a mother, whose every thought, wish and desire was for the good and comfort of her home and children.

The kindly regard in which she was held by the people of the neighborhood in which she had lived so long, speaks in stronger terms than could any words of her life of virtue and good deeds.

She was, in infancy, baptized into the Presbyterian Church and through all the years of her long life had an abiding and unfaltering trust in her Savior, to whose loving care and providential guiding she confidently entrusted all interests for time and eternity.

Those left to mourn their loss are three sons, six daughters, twenty-three grand-children, seven great-grand-children, three brothers, one sister, and a great number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. Stovenour, followed by burial at the Salamonia Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis J. Bell died very suddenly Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock at her late home three and one-half miles south of the city. Her husband, died Monday, May 20th of this year, and since his death her health has been poor.

Early Wednesday morning she had a spell with her hart but recovered sufficiently to be out of doors. About the middle of the afternoon, she had another sinking spell from which she never recovered. The deceased lady was in her seventieth year and was a pioneer of this county.

She leaves a family of nine grown children.

The funeral party will leave the house at one o'clock Saturday and be taken to the Salamonina Christian Church where the services will be conducted by Rev. Fred Stovenour. Her remains will be laid to rest beside those of her husband in the Salamonina Cemetery.

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