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Mrs. Shumway Passes

Mrs. Hannah Shumway was born at Mendon, Mass., April 25th, 1834. She came to Minnesota with her parents in 1858, and has been a resident of Portland Prairie since that time. She was one of the pioneer women, and one of the first public school teachers of the Prairie. She was married to Rufus E. Shumway, March 4th 1860, and was the mother of five children, two of whom died in early childhood.

Mrs. Shumway died Sunday morning, Nov. 30th, 1913 at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 5 days. She leaves her husband and three children, Fred L. of LaCrosse, Edwin R. and Bertha at home, also six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and a brother, David Metcalf of Wakefield, Nebr., besides a large circle of other relatives and friends. For three years she has been unable to leave her chair without help, paralysis having attacked her lower limbs at first, and since that time she has been steadily growing more helpless but she was always cheerful and was never heard to complain.

“There’s a river that always is flowing,
It is bearing your life boat and mine,
On its mystic and fathomless bosom
And we call it the river of time.”