

PIONEER LADY OF THE
LAKES PASSES AWAY

Triumph by an Old Time

The call from Above that comes to all was answered by a Lady of the Lakes passing into the great beyond bearing the same sweet smile, the language of love, that she displayed through all pleasures and sorrows of her life. It was my privilege a short time ago to call at her home. She was too weak to talk but she greeted me with smiles and sparkling eyes that spoke volumes.

Mrs. Fayette Buck, aged 80, of Winchester, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 15, after a long, gradual decline.

Anna Seymour, born in Wausau March 20, 1877, came to Divide, Wisconsin (now Winchester) in 1891. In October of the same year she married Fayette L. Buck. They started the Divide resort, the first in the area, which they operated for many years, selling out in 1940.

Guests from the cities came by stage from Manitowish to the shore of South Turtle lake, there to be met by row boats for the completion of the trip.

Hospitality of the resort became famous under the care of Mrs. Buck. Guests felt at home in the wilds of our north. They returned year after year where comfort and happiness was assured. To arrive was a thrill, to depart a sorrow, but their days had perpetual memories of contentment as only those like Mrs. Buck so graciously supply.

In 1907 the first post office and the first school of the area were established in cabins of their resort. The first teacher, a Miss Trus E. Fober of Wausau, came under the wing of Mrs. Buck, for home accommodations were scarce in the primitive surroundings. She supplied the needs of that school. Her son, Clarence at the age of seven was one of the first scholars.

Many of her last years were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Allen, where her happiness and comfort was ideal.

Mrs. Buck is survived by a sister, Mrs. H. Revel of Wausau; four children, Clarence Buck, Sr., Berkeley, Cal., Mrs. Robert Anderson of Chicago, Fayette Buck of Milwaukee and Mrs. Lee Allen of Winchester. Two grandchildren survive, Lieut. Commander Clarence Buck, Jr., of the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Roger Williams of Salt Lake city Utah. Five great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the McKewitt-Korshauer funeral home in Ironwood with the Rev. John S. Kerpahl officiating. Entombment followed at the Ironwood cemetery.

The pallbearers were Bert Brunell, Oscar Wain, Richard Clark, Earl Durston, William Laife and Louis P. Holland, all of Winchester.

Out of town persons attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen, Winchester; Mrs. Robert Anderson, Chicago; Fayette Buck, Jr., and Miss Charlotte Wachtler, Milwaukee; Mrs. Hattie Revis and Mrs. Walter Jones, Oak Lawn, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Simonson, North Chicago; Mrs. Marie Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boettcher, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Revis, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Revis and Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. John Nutter, Mrs. R. Sleight and Capt. Charles S. Smith of Manitowish.



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