

Death of Mrs. Blakey.

Last Friday morning occurred the death of Mrs. Wm. H. Blakey. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Weaver conducting the services. Interment was had in Riverside cemetery.

Cora Avaneil Ridgeway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ridgeway, was born in Jackson county, Sept. 9, 1881, being at the time of her death, 22 years, 4 months and 13 days old. She has grown to womanhood here, and all who knew her esteemed her for her virtue and amiable nature. Her friends were all who knew her. On Christmas day, 1900, she was united in marriage with Will Blakey, and since then the young people have enjoyed a happy domestic life in the upstairs rooms of the senior Mr. Blakey's home.

A little babe was born to them two weeks ago, but the young mother failed, and when the little one was but a week old its mother passed away. It is a severe blow for the father, but in the little one he has a precious legacy from her who has gone.

The following verses, written by Mrs. S. Barrett and lovingly dedicated to the memory of her who has gone, tell the regard of all who knew Mrs. Blakey for her sincere Christian character and their love for her:

God has called a loved one from us, called her
to her heavenly home,
She is waiting there to welcome all her dear
ones when they come.
Just to know her was to love her for her
many ways so kind,
A more faithful wife and mother or friend
you'll never find.

Yes, she's waiting at the gateway of that
city bright and fair,
For her loved ones all to join her, that they,
too, her joy may share.
And when o'er life's rugged pathway strong
temptations to us come,
May her beckoning hands rebuke us and ever
keep us from the wrong.

And may she intercede for us that our sins
may be forgiven,
Be a messenger of love between our hearts
and heaven.
To know that she is happy gives our aching
hearts relief,
But we mourn that one so dear should have
a life so brief.