

MARTHA JANE WATKINS MC DANIEL

Early Friday morning at 12:35 Mrs. Martha Jane Mc Daniel passed away after an illness of over a year caused by a paralytic stroke. Mrs. Mc Daniel died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Don C. Strong Jr.

Funeral services for Martha Jane Mc Daniel were held in the meeting house Sunday noon. The singing was furnished by the Ward Choir who sang " Sister thou art mild and lovely, " What Voice Salutes The Startled Ear, " with Theresa, Olsen singing the solo part, And Resting Now From Care and Sorrow, " A Solo, " My Faith In Thee, " was sung by Clarinda Little and a violin solo, " A Dream " was sung by Rachel Devey.

A sketch of the life of Mrs. Mc Daniel was given by Mrs. Celestia N. Rowlands. The speakers were Don C. Strong Sr., Henry Moyle, Bishop Vance and Stake President James H. Clark, all of whom spoke very highly of the deceased. Thomas Carlisle offered the opening prayer and William T. Brown the benediction. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

Martha Jane Watkins was the daughter of sturdy pioneer stock of English ancestry. Her father and mother Robert and Mary Smallman Watkins were born in England and came to America in their early life. October 6, 1851. Mrs. Mc Daniel was born in Highland Grove, Iowa, and in the following years her parents were among the many Latter Day Saints to arrive in Utah after a long tedious journey across the plains.

They settled in Mountainville, later known as Alpine, where they made a permanent home for themselves and family. All the privations and perils incidental to pioneer life surrounded Sister Martha and the struggle to overcome the same with patience and cheerfulness and a loving disposition.

In 1869 Martha Jane Watkins became the wife of John Riley *Mc Daniel* and subsequently the mother of six children, 4 daughters and 2 sons. Her geniality and cheerful disposition made her most kind and agreeable neighbor whose poetical tendencies were always in evidence. She was appreciative of all favors shown her and full of the kindness of heart which freely forgives offence. One of the strong qualities of Sister Mc Daniels nature was a love for her religion. She was a most sincere and conscientious in her religion professions and as far as possible attentive to the obligations of the same.

Over a year ago Mrs. Mc Daniel was attacked by a stroke from which she did not recover, gradually becoming worse, until she quietly passed away November 16, 1923 at the home of her daughter Florence who has faithfully ministered and attended to her during her illness.....Martha Jane Watkins died in Alpine, Utah and is buried by the side of her husband John Riley Mc Daniel on the top of cemetery hill.