

On Tuesday, July 5, 1898, at 11:10 a. m. the news that Grandma Swartwout, as she was familiarly called by all, had passed beyond was received. It was not unexpected, as she had been growing feeble for several weeks and symptoms of dropsy, which rapidly developed, at her advanced age made her case hopeless. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the German Lutheran church, the Rev. Chas. White of the Methodist church delivering an appropriate and beautiful tribute to the memory of the universally loved lady. She was 85 years, 4 months and 16 days old at the time of death, and during all that time she was a staunch christian woman. Her friends were legion, and were included from the little child to the aged of the community. She was the second if not the first white woman who settled in Dover township, and for 17 years had given her motherly advice to all her friends in time of need, which will be greatly missed. The funeral was largely attended, and the floral tributes were elegant and beautiful, the casket being covered with fragrant flowers.

[Margaret Wilcox was born in Hartwick, Otsego county, N. Y., on February 19, 1813, where she was reared, and at the age of 20 years was united in marriage to James Swartwout. She was the oldest of a family consisting of nine children, composed of five girls and four boys, all of whom have passed beyond with the exception of one sister, now living at West Salem, Wis. Margaret Swartwout and her husband resided in Milford, N. Y., until July 10, 1842, at which time the death of her husband occurred. Since that time she has lived with her eldest son, D. R. Swartwout of this place. They raised a family consisting of two sons and one daughter; the daughter having died March 24, 1867, in her 33d year. One son is living now in South Carolina, and the eldest son, D. R. Swartwout, in this place. She had been a member of the Methodist church for 65 years and was a devout christian.]