

ELIZA ANN LOMASON ELLIOTT

Eliza Ann Lomason was born in Warren County, New Jersey, April 23, 1840. When she was a child seven years of age the family moved from New Jersey to the State of Michigan, Oakland County. In Rochester and vicinity the most of her life has been spent. She was the youngest of seven children and an only daughter. When she was nineteen years of age she gave her heart to Chapman Butts, their marriage July 6, 1850 was like the dawn of some bright day, from which the clouds of distress and death were mercifully veiled. Less than two years had passed when the reaper came and carried away the young husband. She spoke of this great sorrow as insupportable. A son was born to them, filling their lives so completely and softened in a measure her great despair.

In 1864 she was married to William Swayze and they spent twenty-three years of their life together pleasantly. Then he was called home. After four years had passed she married J. D. Elliott, on New Years Day, 1891, and after nine years together he was stricken ill, death came, and she was alone again. She lived on in the home which had sheltered her through joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, until the end came. Her many friends have only to think of her patient, uncomplaining, through the long months of indescribable suffering, knowing full well the utter hopelessness of recovery, of the life from which she had gathered such full fruition, even though the chastening rod fell often. How beautiful this fading light has been – how calmly she met the last great leveler on January 28, 1902.

She has gone to join her dear ones gone before. Today we lay her beside the love of her girlhood. Beautiful in life, beautiful even in death, may her good wishes be remembered at some sweet benediction from her own pure atmosphere to which she has arisen, helping us to be better men and women from this hour. Funeral services were held this Friday afternoon at the Universalist Church, Rev. Dr. McColleston officiating and were under the auspices of the O.E.S. of which the deceased was an honored member.

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