

**Rachel D. (Roberts) Leonard** (26 May 1829 – 24 Jun 1891) Newport News July 3, 1891

Mrs. **Rachel D. Leonard**, wife of **John C. Leonard**, superintendent of Newport Cemetery, brief notice of whose demise was made in last week's *NEWS*, was born in May 26, 1829, and died June 24, 1891 aged 62 years and 28 days. She was a devoted member of the Christian church for about 30 years. Her death has caused much sadness in the hearts of her husband and children, to whom she was the most dear and affectionate wife and mother. She took a great interest in her husband's work and devoted much of her time to "beautifying" the cemetery.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock last Friday afternoon and was largely attended. Although having lived only a few steps from the cemetery gates, by her request her body was conveyed to follow by the bereaved friends on foot. The floral tributes to her memory were carried in the procession to the grave by her two grandchildren, **John C.** and **Melvin E.**, sons of **W. H. Leonard**. The pallbearers, who walked three on either side of the hearse, were her four sons and two sons in-law, namely: **W. H. Leonard**, **George L. Leonard**, **A.A. Leonard**, **James E. Leonard**, **C.B. Kitchen** and **Charles Becker**. In addition to her sons just named she is survived by three daughters, the wives of **Mr. Kitchen** and **Mr. Becker**, and Miss **Mary Leonard**, who resides with her father. Two children are dead. One brother and three sisters survive, namely: **William J. Roberts** of near New Bloomfield; Mrs. **Sarah Brown**, who made her home with the deceased: **Mrs. Susan E. Brown**, of Juniata County, and **Mrs. William McCann**, of Harrisburg.

The surviving members of the family, who with her three sisters, were at her bedside when she died, left nothing undone to give their loving wife and mother Christian burial. The grave was walled up with brick and then cemented and afterward covered with planks which were also cemented.

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