

## Julia H. Bates

( - 6 Oct 1850)

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**Bates.** On Sunday morning, at half past 2 o'clock, Julia wife of Mr. John E. Bates. Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral this (Monday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church near the Navy Yard.

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"In the midst of life we are in death!"--Never was this solemn truth more deeply realized than in the death of Mrs. Julia H. Bates, consort of John E. Bates, who departed this life on Sunday, the 6th instant, after a brief illness of a few hours; a young lady of fervent piety, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; mild and amiable in her manners; kind-hearted and affectionate in her disposition; to the poor and distressed an untiring friend. For these many good qualities she was eminently esteemed in life, in death universally regretted by a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances.

Upon her immediate family connections, and in a more special degree her bereaved mother and devoted husband, will this blow fall with accumulated weight. May the balm of consolation be theirs!

All that friendship and medical skill could do to preserve her young and valuable life, alas! proved vain, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, she has been thus suddenly snatched from the hearts of those by whom she was most dearly cherished and her gentle spirit has winged its flight to scenes of happiness beyond the grave. W.I.B.