

A salute to a Faribault County Civil War s



There was a special ceremony held at the Rosehill Cemetery in Wells on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19. The ceremony was to honor Washington Kelley, who was the last Civil War Union soldier to be buried in Faribault County. The half hour long ceremony was led by members of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Their goal is to place a special marker on the grave of the last living Union veteran in every county in Minnesota. Washington Kelley was born on Feb. 17, 1846 and died on Sept. 27, 1940. A special guest at the ceremony was Washington Kelley's great granddaughter, Pam Wollum, of St. Paul, pictured in the middle of the top photo. Washington Kelley had 12 children, six boys and six girls, and the youngest daughter was Wollum's grandmother. More information on Washington Kelley will be in the next Our Heroes magazine.

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