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DEATH OF MRS. R. J. McMAHAN

Another Household Made Desolate by the Passing of a Loved Mother.

The sudden demise of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Wing McMahan, widow of the late R. J. McMahan, at the family residence, 110 Brunswick avenue, Sunday, February 29, at 1 a. m., was not only a great shock and sorrow for the daughters and son, but a great many hearts in our city are deeply touched by the passing of this truly good and greatly loved woman.

Mrs. McMahan, who had influenza and was quite sick for a few days had been up and around for two weeks and on Saturday morning said she felt splendidly and seemed to enjoy her breakfast as has been her custom for years when she was able, she went out to look after her chickens, that being one thing that

the daughters would allow the mother to do, as it gave her the benefit of the sunshine and fresh air and she enjoyed it. She was only out a short time and came into the house complaining of her head, Dr. Hall, the family physician, was summoned and found her condition very grave and about noon she had a stroke of paralysis that resulted in death at the time stated above, having never regained consciousness.

This death takes from the McMahan home, a mother whose life was rendered beautiful by devotion to her family, and since the death of the husband several years ago, the four daughters, Misses Kate, Lena, Stella and Sophia McMahan and the son, R. W., have been equally as devoted to the mother making the evening of her life peaceful, pleasant and comfortable, with unstinted love and interest. This devotion in the McMahan home has always prevailed but when the husband and father was taken the widowed mother was made the idol of the household and with loving thoughtful attentions and ministrations the last year of her life have been happily spent and the home will be desolate without her. Not only in her home will she be missed, but in her church home, the

Marshall Christian church, where she has been an inspiration to the pastors and congregation. She was heartily interested and an active worker in every department of the activities. She was a leader and with her earnestness, conservation and ability she accomplished everything undertaken, with the assistance

of willing helpers. She had been president of the Pauline class of the Christian Sunday school, for a number of years and was the leading spirit in its wonderful accomplishments in local and missionary work. Tuesday was the day that this class of good women spent at the church at work and Mrs. McMahan, whose health was generally good, had missed very few days, being present at the meetings with her co-workers.

Mrs. McMahan will also be missed in the social life of Marshall, which for the past forty years has been the home of the family, except about 3 1/2 years they lived at Denver, Colo., and the McMahan home has been a synonym of elegant hospitality during all these years.

The mother loved her friends and their company and hosts of warm friends and neighbors will miss her genial happy disposition that scattered so much sunshine, not only in her own home but elsewhere in our city.

Mrs. Sarah E. McMahan, who was 78 years old last December was the daughter of the late Freeman Wing, a prominent pioneer citizen of Cooper county and was reared in that county. She was married to the late R. J. McMahan, November 1st, 1859, and Arrow Rock was the home of the family until 1880, as stated above.

The death of Mrs. McMahan is another community loss, for our city and the tears of many who sorrow on account of it are mingled with the deeply grieved daughters and sons.

The sister and brothers who survive the deceased are Mrs. Mary Bernard of Webster Grove, W. D. Wing of this city, Wm. Wing of St. Barbara, Calif., and Frank Wing of Kansas City.

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