

Obituary of Sophia Elizabeth Greer

Mrs. Sophia Elizabeth Greer Passes Away.

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There was a great vale of sadness passed over our town Wednesday, Aug. 4th at 12.30 when the Death Angel came and called our dear friend Mrs. Sophia Elizabeth Lane Greer. Mrs. Greer was born in Washington county, Texas, Feb. 14, 1854, and died Aug. 4, 1926, being seventy-two years, five months and twenty days of age.

She was married to M. S. Greer, March 23, 1871. To this union nine children were born, seven girls and two sons. Death called the husband June 21, 1915. One daughter also has passed over the river, Mrs. Mignon Greer Holmes having died ten years ago. Eight children survive Mrs. Greer and were present at the funeral: P. P. Greer, Globe, Arizona; Rev. W. N. Greer, Kopperl; Mrs. J. H. Burnett, Kopperl; Mrs. M. J. Holmes, Baird; Mrs. H. C. Carlisle, Kopperl; Mrs. H. A. Carpenter, Childress; Mrs. E. C. Rush, Globe, Arizona and Miss Willmirth Greer, Kopperl. This family circle also included a granddaughter, Ellen Maye Holmes, who has been in the home all her life, her mother dying when she was only four weeks old. Also Harold Dysart, a nephew who was five years of age when he came to live with Aunt Sophia. These two little ones were cared for and loved by this good woman as her own children. She is also survived by two sisters, Emily Goen of Grandview and Mrs. Sue Stansell, of Wellington. There are nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of this precious woman and a host of other relatives survive her.

Mrs. Greer has been a citizen of Kopperl community since childhood, having come here with her parents before there was a town of Kopperl. No one is better known here than she and her family and have the friendship of every one who ever knew them. To know this good woman was to love her. She was a noble, true Christian character and lived that pure and sacrificing life. She was a kind and loving mother, always devoted to the care and welfare of her home and family. She was an ideal grandmother and greatgrandmother. She was converted when real young and lived her religion every day, there was never a day so dreary, a night too dark if a poor soul needed help but she was ready to go. It was a pleasure to her to do what her Savior did, that is to minister to the needy. And when her Lord said "it is enough" she was ready to go, to dwell in that beautiful mansion prepared for her and to join her husband and daughter over there where there is no more sorrow or suffering and to wear that golden crown with many stars that awaits her there.

Yes, we know she will be missed by more than the family for her friends were numbered by the hundreds. There will be the vacant chair and the silent voice. Yes, home is no more without "Mother," but God in his infinite mercy knows best, therefore we must doubt not but be submissive to His will.

Mrs. Greer had been a cripple for the past twelve years and had been deprived of doing as she once did, yet she was very cheerful and bore her cross as Jesus did and did not murmur. She said

only the day before she died, that she was ready to go and hoped the time would soon come to go on. She had been confined to her bed for the past four weeks. It has been my privilege to be in the home almost daily and she would always greet me with a smile. Yes, it's hard to give her up, and the home will never be the same without "Mother" but some day we will see her face to face and understand. Her life is only as a flower plucked from the earthly garden where it will bloom forever and ever. We can only point the bereaved to Jesus, who alone can comfort and may they be joined together and family circle be unbroken.

The funeral was held Saturday at 3 p. m., a short service at the home and then at the tabernacle. Rev. Howell pastor of the M. E. church assisted by Rev. W. N. Curry, of Burleson, a special friend; Rev. Dean of Alvarado, an old-time friend of the family, and Rev. S. R. Carruth of Meridian, a relative and old-time friend. Mrs. Greer's twin nephews, Albert and Abner Greer, of Morgan, sang her favorite hymn, "The Uncloudy Day." The floral offerings were beautiful, yet nothing to compare with her life. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Kopperl Cemetery. The active pallbearers were her two sons and four of the sons-in-law: P. P. Greer, of Globe, Arizona; Rev. W. N. Greer, Kopperl; H. A. Carpenter, Childress; H. C. Carlisle, Kopperl; Dr. J. H. Burnett, Kopperl; and M. J. Holmes, Baird.

Honorary pallbearers were: Harold Dysart, Kopperl; Jack H. Burnett, El Paso; E. C. Rush, Globe, Arizona; Henry Holmes, S. H. Hughes, Kopperl; Tom and Bob Dysart, Fort Worth; Jack Coffman, Ft. Worth; Dave Coffman, Lum Goen, Cleburne; T. A. Greer, Morgan; Ben Sandusky, Cleburne; Dr. Alex Allen, De Leon; Homer Covey, Ft. Worth; Dewey Martin, Dallas. The lady friends who carried the flowers were: Miss Bess Venable, Medames S. A. Caruthers, T. A. Johnson, Geo. O. Lain, Basil Bryant, Misses Wilma and Lucy Day, Kopperl; Misses Ruth and Addie White, of Morgan, and Mrs. Irvin de Cordova of Blum; Messrs. Kelly Lillard and Theodore Carlisle.

The out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Sue Stansell, Wellington; Mrs. Luna Estes, El Reno, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sandusky and family, Cleburne; Dr. Allen and family, De Leon; Mrs. Tom Haley and son, Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cottingham, San Antonio; Jack Burnett and wife, El Paso; P. P. Greer and Mrs. E. C. Rush, Globe, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Holmes, Baird, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carpenter and son, Childress; Lum Goen, Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Covey, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martin, Dallas; Tom Dysart and wife, Ft. Worth; Jack Coffman and Bob Dysart, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Dudley White and daughters, Morgan; Mrs. Laura Sellers, Morgan; Joe Claybrook and daughters, and Mrs. Arthur Jones, Steiner; T. A. Greer and family, Morgan; Miss Bonita Greer, Ft. Worth; Dave Coffman, Cleburne; Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Carruth, Meridian; Roy Averitt and family, Meridian; Miss Thressa Collie, Gorman; John Lane, Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Turner Winston, Morgan.

Sam Moon Hill, of Sweetwater, a deaf and dumb negro who has lived with the Greer family since boyhood also attended the funeral.

We are indeed sorry to lose this good woman from our midst but we know our Heavenly Father knows best and it's our loss but heaven's gain. The family and bereaved relatives have the sympathy of hundreds of friends in this sad hour.

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Card of Thanks

To our friends who have been so kind to us, so genuinely thoughtful and tender towards our dear mother in her last hours of sickness, we express our appreciation. She loved you, she enjoyed having you come to see her, and missed you when you were gone. By the many things you did, you have shown that respect for a dear, good woman was the motive that prompted you. Your kindly consideration for her shall linger with us, a thought we shall cherish in our hearts so long as memory shall last.

The Greer Children.