

Thursday Services For Mrs. Relihan, Beloved Local Lady

Memorial services were held here last Thursday at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Frank Relihan, affectionately known as "Bess" to many, many friends.

Mrs. Relihan had been ill for several years but she remained pleasant and bore her suffering uncomplainingly.

The Rev. Richard Wentling officiated at the services which were held from Simmons chapel.

Bernice Phetteplace, Ruth Werts, Jerry Hill and Opal Bolton were vocalists with Avis Tillman as accompanist.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery with Gayle Mason, John Bonecutter, Earl Dudley, Emmet Womer, Chet Bonecutter and Ivan Phetteplace as pallbearers.

Obituary: Elizabeth Kinne Relihan, daughter of Lucius Bingham Kinne and Esther Harrison Kinne, was born June 22, 1885, at Moran, Allen county, Kansas, and died at Memorial hospital, Smith Center, Kansas, on July 24, 1962 at the age of 77 years, 1 month and 2 days.

She was married to Doctor Frank H. Relihan on October 8, 1910, and to this union was born one daughter, Esther Catherine. From the date of her marriage she made her home in Smith Center where she had a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. She was a member of the Congregational church of Smith Center, and also a member of P. E. O., and other civic organizations, in which she took an active part as

long as her health permitted. She received her elementary and high school education in the schools at Moran, Kansas, and later attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence. In 1907 her parents moved to Seattle, Washington, and she completed her education at the University of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother and by her brother, Clare Kinne. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Frank H. Relihan; her daughter, Esther Catherine, of the home; and by two sisters, Lou Kinne Hawes of Greenbank, Washington and Verle Kinne Stratton, of Seattle, Washington.

Such is a brief chronicle of her journey here on earth. No mere recital of dates or milestones along the way can portray the life of Bess Relihan. The highest quality of character marked her life in all its broadest aspects. With an unselfish spirit she devoted time and energy to her town and community in many avenues of civic service. She was a delightful companion and steadfast friend. Her deep devotion lay within her family circle and within her church affiliation.

In her suffering from a fatal illness over a period of more than nine years, she manifested a degree of courage and fortitude seldom seen. She was brought to realize that we live in a world that we little understand. Science, with its revealing conquests, from the atom to the far reaches of the universe, stands mute at the outposts of reality. Here the voice of Christian faith alone must speak to clothe life with significance and temper death's sombre tragedy. She believed that somewhere life's deeper meaning would be revealed and its incompleteness made whole. It was with such a faith that she lived and died.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Blanche Bridson, 80, died recently in Topeka. Art Nelson, here last week from Oklahoma to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frank Relihan, said Mrs. Bridson and her husband, Ernest F. Bridson, also deceased, were former residents of Smith Center. Mrs. Bridson worked for Duane Wolfe when the latter was county treasurer, Mr. Nelson remembered. One son, Gayle H. Bridson of Wichita, survives.

Dale Lerew Was Leader In Church And Community

Dale Kurtz Lerew, the son of George and Mina Weaver Lerew, was born at Portis, April 2, 1917, and passed away Monday morning, July 23, 1962, at the age of 45 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Dale spent his entire life in the Portis community; he attended the Portis schools and began his adult life farming with his father on the Lerew farm north of Portis. In 1955 he became the Portis Co-op tank wagon operator which he continued until the time of his death.

On October 11, 1942 he was united in marriage to Alberta Schoen. The Lerews had no children of their own; however, the nieces and nephews as well, as the children of the community spent many happy hours and days with Dale and Alberta both at the Lerew farm and at their home in Portis.

Early in life Dale gave his heart to the Lord and became a member of the Church of the Brethren in Portis. The church had a prominent place in Dale's life. He served as deacon for nearly 25 years; he and Alberta were youth leaders; he was a church trustee and the church treasurer. He led singing. He held offices in the Church on the district level as well. He was treasurer of the Community Evangelistic Association at the time of his death. He gave a great deal of time and thought to the welfare of the church and the church has suffered a great loss in his untimely death.

Also Dale was active in community affairs. He was a member of the city council and of the local fire department at the time of his death. He was quite interested in sports and was an enthusiastic supporter of the local school teams.

Dale took a great interest in his home and spent many hours planting and caring for his grass, trees, flowers, and garden, and in making improvements and repairs about his home, making of it a place of beauty and comfort.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Alberta; his father,

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