

## **Mrs. Elma G. Lybbert, Mother of Five Children Called to Great Beyond**

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A pall of sadness spread throughout the valley Monday morning when word went out that Mrs. Elma Goodrich Lybbert had passed away after two weeks of intense suffering brought about by the flu. The valiant Mother had just finished nursing her three little children through the dreaded disease when she herself became a victim of it. Everything possible was done to relieve her suffering, and kind hands attended her day and night, but for several days before her death her condition did not improve.

One of the largest and impressive funeral services ever attended in Naples was held Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for Mrs. Lybbert. A mixed quartet composed of Mr. & Mrs. Lavell Manwaring, Lewis S. Gardiner, Mr. & Mrs. George Mortenson, Ina Chivers, Earl Goodrich, and Erma Karren sang "Earth With Her Ten Thousand Flowers" which was a favorite hymn of Mrs. Lybbert "Unanswered Yet," "Lead Me Gently Home," and the anthem "The Lord Is My Shepard." Lavell Manwaring and Porter Merrell sang "The Homeland"

A prettier and more abundant display of flowers would be difficult to find. A large arch with gates ajar, was presented by the stake Sunday School Board of which Mr. Lybbert is a member. Wreaths bearing the inscriptions "Mother" and "Elma" and many artistic displays were sent by Vernal Second Ward, the Relief Society, and from loving friends. The Naples Ward Relief Society members marched around the bier each placing flowers as a token of love and respect in which all the members of the Relief Society held Mrs. Lybbert who was such an energetic and efficient worker in that organization.

The opening prayer was by David L. Richards, and the closing prayer by James Hacking. Lewis S. Gardiner was the first speaker. He spoke of the value and worth of friendship and love, and of the uncertainty of life that we could all be as well prepared to meet death as Mrs. Lybbert whose life was so well balanced and well spent.

Isabrand Sander spoke of the work done by Mr. Lybbert, which was made possible by the unselfish and cooperative work of his wife, and of the worth of love over which death has no power. President Wallace Calder spoke on the life of Job, and of the making of life through difficulties and sorrows rather than to be overcome by them.

The house was filled with sorrowing friends and relatives until there was hardly standing room. The high school teachers and pupils were present. Many relatives from surrounding towns including Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lybbert of Idaho and Phoebe Barnicott of Salt Lake City, daughter of the late Dr. Charles Olsen, and cousin of J.N. Lybbert.

The body was buried in the Vernal cemetery, John Stagg dedicating the grave. The pall bearers were Porter Merrell, Ross Merrell, Parley Goodrich, Dan Lybbert, Fuller Remington, and Frank Merrell.

Besides her husband and parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Goodrich, she leaves the following children; Glenn 13, Lois 10, Louise 8, Bernice 6, and Forest 2, and the following brothers and sisters; Albert M. Goodrich, Carl, Ruth, Frank, Merrell, and O Donnell to mourn her loss.

The deceased was born March 12, 1895 at Vernal. She was married to her husband at the Salt Lake temple August 30, 1912.

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