

## WILLIAM MERRILL OF NAPLES SUCCUMBS TO CANCER AFTER LONG PERIOD OF SUFFERING

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Word went out early Thursday morning of the death of William Merrill of Naples Ward who passed away Wednesday evening, January 1, from cancer of the stomach. Mr. Merrill has been ill for a year, and unable to work. Last summer he was taken to the Salt Lake clinic and since July has steadily grown worse.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 3, at one o'clock at the Naples Ward.

William Porter Merrill was born August 30, 1869 at Paradise, Cache County, Utah, the eldest of ten children born to Porter William and Harriett Amelia Remington Merrill. In the year 1878 Mr. Merrill, with his parents, came to White River and suffered the privations and hardships of the early pioneers. When Mr. Merrill was a lad fifteen years of age, his father died which left the family of ten children and the widowed mother dependent on him. This responsibility he never shirked. On October 8, 1896 he married Miss Mary S. Lybbert and to this happy union were born twelve children, eleven of whom are living, the baby being but four years of age. Mr. Merrill, with his wife and family have lived at Jensen on the Indian reservation and five years ago moved back to Naples. While away, Mr. Merrill was bishop of the Bluebell Ward for thirteen years. He was also ditch rider for nine years and road supervisor about that length of time. He remained a staunch Latter-Day Saint to the very last.

Besides his devoted wife, Mr. Merrill is survived by the following children: Mrs. Irene Gale, Rainbow, Porter Merrill, Rector Mine; Mrs. Lucille Winkler of Rector Mine; William Merrill, Provo; Mrs. Elva Manwaring, Rector Mine; Victor, Florence; Arthur, Lavoisier; Sterling and Winona of Naples; also ten grandchildren, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Mary Lisonbee, Mrs. Rose Eaton, Mrs. Josephine Goodrich, Mrs. Lydia Goodrich, Mrs. Roxana Mott and Mrs. Helen Richardson, twin sisters, Fuller, Elwin and Frank Merrill.

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