

WENONA MOURNS LOSS OF ESTEEMED WOMAN

Mrs. Walter V. Howe Died Suddenly at Home, Following a Stroke of Paralysis

The community mourns the passing of Mrs. Walter V. Howe, who died suddenly at her home in this city at 7:35 o'clock Monday morning, the result of a paralytic stroke. Although in failing health for some time, she engaged in domestic and social duties, having been in attendance at church services on Sunday morning.

The daughter of William and Adelia Kemp, Mrs. Howe was born near Wenona on August 1, 1878, and had always resided here, taking an active part in church and social activities of the community. A gifted musician, she gave much of her time and talent in promoting entertainment in the art for the pleasure and cultural benefit of our citizens. She trained and encouraged many young musicians and was responsible for the development of several fine musical organizations in the past, including the Wenona Orchestra, which became well known throughout the territory.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Vincent Howe, to whom she was married October 2, 1902, and the following children: Jerome, Mrs. Frances Ruys and Mrs. Ruth Bartholomew, of Chicago; Edwin, at home, and Mrs. Harriet Reynolds of Canford, New Jersey. There are six grandchildren.

Many eulogies could be written concerning this worthy woman, but the tribute of an old friend, which follows, expresses the love and admiration of her legion of friends far better than we could compose in words:

In the sudden death last Monday morning of Mrs. Lura Kemp Howe the community has lost a very valuable member; her friends have lost one who has endeared herself to the hearts of all of them by her loyalty, her kindly ways and her warm friendship. The family has lost a wise counsellor and guide to whom home and family meant everything in the world. Her cheerfulness and courage were an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

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She was always associated with the very fine things of life — the real worth-while things that make life worth living.

She was a very fine musician and her natural talent had been well and carefully cultivated. Her chosen instrument was the violin and many a pupil in and around the community was trained by her. She was a member of several musical organizations outside of her leadership in church activities. The Wenona Orchestra, of which she was a member, was an organization of which any community might well be proud. For years, they were in great demand, and then as time went on and the members were parted by death and removal, Mrs. Howe kept her interest in music and for several years was leader of a five-piece orchestra which started playing for their own enjoyment, and before long, became a community orchestra, playing at the different churches and social gatherings, and finally accepting several invitations to play before gatherings of club women and church groups in other towns.

In the Housekeepers' Club she has always been an active member, and many lovely programs were efficiently arranged under her leadership. Her motto always was "What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well" and nothing was too much trouble when it meant the success of the undertaking.

In the early years of the Woman's Literary Club, she was a member and was much in demand preparing special programs of music and dramatics. She was a perfect hostess and the social affairs she gave in her home were always very much enjoyed. She understood so thoroughly the art of true hospitality. To the last day she lived, she kept a keen interest in her church and social activities.

Though for some time her health had been failing, she met each day bravely and lived it heartily, as to her Lord, whom she served with a life full of kindly deeds and thoughtfulness of others. She will be very greatly missed in this community by everyone, but each life that she has touched has been greatly enriched thereby, and her influence for good goes on forever.— A tribute to her memory by an old friend.

Funeral services were held from the home at 2 and the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon with Rev. T. K. Shubert, the pastor, in charge. Burial followed in the family lot in Wenona cemetery.