

DEATH FOLLOWS OPERATION

Mrs. Maude Wittwer Passes Away Unexpectedly in Chicago Hospital.

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Seldom has it been our duty to record so sudden and so sad a death as that of Mrs. Edward Wittwer, which occurred at the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, at 4 o'clock Thursday morning, following an operation which she underwent Wednesday afternoon. The operation was not considered of a serious nature, and so nicely did she pass through the ordeal and so promising was her condition afterward that Mr. Wittwer, who was with her at the time, was told by the physicians in charge that it would be perfectly safe for him to return home.

Feeling greatly encouraged over the apparently successful operation and confidently expecting her speedy recovery, Mr. Wittwer returned home Wednesday evening, only to receive a telegram at 8 o'clock the following morning conveying the crushing news of her death. Accompanied by the lady's sister, Mrs. E. W. Van Norman, Mr. Wittwer left for Chicago on the next train, returning with the remains Thursday evening.

Mrs. Wittwer's health had not been the best for a number of years. She had previously submitted to two operations which failed in bringing the hoped for relief, and her vitality had been drawn upon to such an extent that she was without sufficient reserve to tide her through the last ordeal.

Maude Merle Wittwer was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barney, and was born in this village on January 29, 1880. She was married to Mr. Wittwer in 1899 and, besides the bereaved husband she is survived by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

She was of an affectionate disposition, bright and winning in her ways, so that friendship's circle to her was a large one. Indeed it may be truthfully said of her that "none knew her but to love and respect her." Her untimely death has cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community and in the great and irreparable loss that has come to them, the afflicted husband and relatives have the sincere sympathy of all.

The funeral was held from the home of her parents at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and her remains were laid to rest in the new Highland cemetery. Brief services were held at the house and also at the grave, the Rev. Carl Heyl officiating. The floral offerings were numerous and most beautiful, fittingly emblematic of the pure life which the departed had always led. Many relatives and friends were in attendance at the last sad rites.