

HELEN GOODRICH THOMAS OBITUARY

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Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Helen Thomas, Ex-Resident.

Funeral services were held in the Naples Ward Chapel December 12 for Helen Goodrich Thomas. Mrs. Thomas, 65, died of a lingering illness in a rest home in Ogden, Saturday, December 8 at 9 a.m.

Wayne Turpin offered the prayer at the mortuary. Bishop Orlo Goodrich conducted the services. Prelude and postlude music was played by Mrs. Oris Pope.

Invocation was offered by George R. Goodrich. The opening song "Oh My Father" was sung by Frances Southam, Faye Horrocks, Laura Simmons, Elizabeth Sowards, Jerome Lowe and Verdin Goodrich and Glade Sowards.

Special musical number was a duet "Whispering Hope" by Laura Simmons and Verdin Goodrich and a vocal solo "That Wonderful Mother of Mine" by Ina Chivers. The closing song was a solo "Going Home" by Glade Sowards. All vocal numbers were accompanied by Mrs. Pope.

Speakers were Byron Goodrich and President J. Ross Merrell. The benediction was given by Gawin Goodrich.

Pallbearers were Chester R. Thomas, Carlyle Thomas, Danny G. Thomas, Sidney Goodrich, Eldon E. Kidd and Wayn Turpin.

She was the widow of William Thomas. They were married in Vernal in 1917.

She was born February 6, 1897, the daughter of George L. and Marion B. Remington Goodrich in Naples Ward.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Eldon E. Kidd, Ogden; Mrs. Viola Woods, Salt Lake City and Mrs. Wayne (Helen) Turpin, Magna, Utah and four sons Carlyle Thomas and Chester L. Thomas, Salt Lake City; Danny G. Thomas, San Jose, California and Sidney G. Thomas, Ft. Collins, Colorado. Two sisters of Salt Lake City, Mrs. Laura Peoples, Mrs. Ester Armstrong and Mrs. Carlie Duke of Vernal and 16 grandchildren. Also three brothers, George R. Goodrich, New York and Jerome and Birchell Goodrich of Vernal.

Out-of-town visitors were Mrs. Gwen Aycock and daughter of Ft. Collins, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Ted DeBella, Salt Lake City and Stanley Roberts, American Fork.

Birchell Goodrich dedicated the grave and burial took place in the Vernal Memorial Park Cemetery.

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