

Mrs. R. J. McNeil

Mrs. Robert J. McNeil, who for many years has been a resident of Alexandria, died suddenly in Washington, D.C., last Thursday, and funeral services were held Tuesday from the Congregational Church of which she had long been a member. Death came very suddenly, the deceased having been ill for only a day. Her whole life was one of service and devotion to family, and her passing was mourned by a large circle of friends both in Alexandria and Washington.

The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral offerings. Rev. A. A. Secord preached the burial sermon. He spoke of Ms. McNeil's life in Alexandria, emphasizing especially her life of service and helpfulness which has been hers. By her death the family has suffered the loss of an unselfish and affectionate friend and mother. With the family, many friends and acquaintances have a sense of personal loss. Messrs. Anderson, Raiter, Carlson, Ward and Stevens, friends of the family acted as pall bearers. Internment was in Kinkead cemetery.

Mrs. McNeil, Miss Alice Elizabeth Hill, was born December 9, 1859 at Clinton, Illinois. She was married to Robert J. McNeil of this city, on May 24, 1879. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. These are Dr. Walter H. of Minneapolis; Major Edwin C., now somewhere in France; Edna L., now Mrs. R. E. Wickham of Salmon, Idaho; Nina L., now Mrs. D. W. McMahan of Blanchard, N. Dak.; and Serg. Robert L. of the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. Dr. and Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. McMahan and Robert were present at the funeral. They were accompanied here from Minneapolis by Miss M. E. Whitcomb, an old friend of the deceased. Wm. McNeil of Grand Forks was also in attendance.

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