

MRS. R. BRADSHAW SUCCEUMBS FRIDAY

DEATH COMES AS RELIEF FROM
LONG ILLNESS TO HIGHLY
ESTEEMED WOMAN

Although relatives, friends and acquaintances had long known that Mrs. Ralph W. Bradshaw was stricken with fatal illness, the news of her death early Friday came as a shock and brought all who had known her well a sense of personal loss. Never robust, her health first failed seriously last autumn becoming more serious as the winter progressed. A surgical operation was finally decided upon in February. Although the patient rallied from that ordeal, it unfortunately only revealed to her physicians that death must claim her within a short time.

She was brought to her home from the hospital and lingered on there for some months with the spark of life growing fainter and her strength ebbing slowly away. Those closest to her found some comfort in the fact that she suffered almost no pain. At length, early last Friday morning, her spirit winged its way to another land as gently and quietly as she had lived.

Of a quiet, unostentatious nature, Mrs. Bradshaw made a host of friends. It is quite unlikely that she had an enemy in the usual sense of that word. As a young child she became a member of the Methodist church in which she offered freely of her considerable talent for music, serving as organist and teacher of an adult Bible class for many years after reaching maturity. She was also active in many other departments of church work and in the P. E. O. Sisterhood, the Phosde club, having been president of both.

A native of Kingston, Ontario, she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowles, to live on the Bowles homestead, west of Groton in 1881. This community has been her home continuously since then. After completing her schooling in local schools, she attended Dakota Wesleyan university at Mitchell and thereupon was employed at the Groton Mercantile Co. store for some years.

She was married to Ralph W. Bradshaw on September 4, 1906, and they established their home and have resided here since then.

The funeral exercises for the highly esteemed friend and neighbor were held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. L. C. Benson, the pastor officiating and the remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the Groton Union cemetery. Contributing music to the service was a ladies' quartette, consisting of Mmes. Richard Hart and E. P. Erdmann and the Misses Myrtle and Margaret Blader with Miss Elo