

September 22, 1929

MRS. F. J. JIRAN

Mrs. Esther Sandell Jiran, wife of F. J. Jiran, well-known railroad man and member of the council from the second ward of this city, died at her home here early Saturday morning after a lingering illness of some time.

While it had been felt that her life was slowly ebbing away, her passing was a distinct shock to members of her family and a host of friends, who were hoping against hope that a miracle might intervene and endow her pain-racked body with new strength for an added lease of life.

Through sheer courage and an almost indomitable will to live for her nine-year-old daughter and devoted husband she rallied from a near approach to the gates of death. But in spite of all that medical skill and devoted and loving hands could do, her last measure of strength spent itself and her valiant spirit took flight to its Maker.

During her intense suffering, which preceded her passing, her courage and cheerful mein were at once a mystery and a comfort to her family and all with whom she came in contact, and must needs remain, especially to her nearest and dearest, a solacing memory which will go far in assuaging the bitterness of parting.

Mrs. Jiran was a devoted wife and mother, a kindly neighbor and a steadfast friend. She loved her friends and was happy with them, but her chief interest was her home and family upon whom she lavished perhaps an oft times too generous measure of the strength and energy she possessed.

Having grown to womanhood in this community she had a large circle of acquaintances and her cheerful disposition and sunny nature won for her a host of friends, who regret and mourn her seemingly untimely death, just as she was about to enter the sphere of larger usefulness of mature womanhood.

Mrs. Jiran was born in Duluth, Minn., June 17, 1891, but removed soon after with her parents to Milan, Minn., where her early childhood was passed. Later she came to make her home in East Riverside with her uncle and aunt, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Falk, with whom she remained until she came to this city in the employ of a mercantile establishment.

On March 3, 1920, she was married to F. J. Jiran and to this union a daughter, Kathryn, was born, who together with her husband survive to mourn her death. She is also survived by her father, three sisters, Mrs. D. E. Thill, Minneapolis; Mrs. Frank Thomas of Montevideo, Minn., and Mrs. Milton Jones, Los Angeles, and four brothers, Joseph Sandell of

Osage, Wyo., Reuben of Baltimore, Md., Clarence of Spokane, Wash., and Earl, of Minneapolis.

The funeral occurred from St. John's Catholic church last Monday morning at ten o'clock Father Garry reading the solemn and impressive rites of the Catholic church and preaching a beautiful and comforting sermon in memory of the departed wife and mother. Interment was made in the Groton Catholic cemetery. Pall bearers were, Arthur Krueger, A. P. Fuller, P. W. Holloran, Earl Meredith, Geo. Wegner and J. H. Thoeny.

Relatives attending the funeral from a distance were Mrs. D. E. Thill, Earl Sandell and Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitford, Minneapolis, Mrs. Frank Thomas, Montevideo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jiran, Bristol, and John Bartos, Webster.