

18 May 1933

**FUNERAL RITES FOR  
MRS. A. L. RICHARDSON  
ON MOTHER'S DAY**

Conducted by Hennessey Eastern Star Chapter — Brief W. C. T. U. Service Earlier in Afternoon — Funeral Unusually Large

Funeral services for Mrs. A. L. Richardson, whose death occurred Thursday evening at the General Hospital in Enid, were held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 14, at the Christian church in Hennessey under direction of the local O. E. S. Chapter, with Amos W. Myers, the pastor, officiating. Hundreds of her friends were in attendance and the service was unusually impressive.

The pall was borne by six former members of her Christian church Sunday school class — Eugene Fisher, Vern Osborn, Burrell Cupps, Hermie Howard, Lester Cupps, and John Cupps. She was laid to rest in the Hennessey cemetery.

A brief service by members of the Christian Temperance Union at the Cordry & Young funeral home preceded the services at the church.

Few deaths have occasioned more general sorrow in the community.

Ella Rennison was born in Lebanon, Missouri, August 17, 1870, and died at the Enid General Hospital May 11, 1933, aged 62 years, 8 months, and 25 days.

She was united in marriage to Mr. A. L. Richardson at Mountain View, Mo., September 10, 1892. Six children were born to the union — Frankie, now Mrs. R. M. Ralstin, of Enid; Berneice, now Mrs. H. G. Welborn, of Renfrow, Okla.; Dean, now Mrs. Dean Renshaw, of Denver, Colo.; Kenneth, of Hennessey, and Ruth, now Mrs. C. C. Fisher of Lacy. Hazel, twin to Frankie, died in infancy.

Mrs. Richardson was converted at the age of 20 years and united with the Methodist church at Mountain View, Mo. She continued with that denomination at Hennessey until 1910 or 1912, when she became a member of the Hennessey Christian church, since which time she has been an active and consistent worker. She served as president of the woman's Council, president of the Missionary Society and teacher in Sunday school, both junior and adult departments. She was capable and willing to serve her Master at all times and in any capacity. She visited the sick and ministered to the poor and when her health would no longer permit arduous work she contributed of her means and kept in touch with the work even after entering the hospital.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as one of the officers as long as her health would permit. She was gracious, good and kind to all and will be greatly missed by members of the local chapter.

Mrs. Richardson was always active in loving service and devoted much of her time to the various departments of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, serving as vice president and president of the county organization and secretary of the local union and superintendent of the flower mission department. She was by temperament especially fitted for such activities and devoted much

of her time to errands of love. She brought flowers and cheer to many of the sick and "shut-ins." Her car was consecrated to the cause of the W. C. T. U. and was invariably filled in trips to meetings over the county. She will be missed, but her memory will live on as a beautiful monument to a life of service.

Besides her husband and five children, she leaves to mourn her loss three brothers and one sister — George Rennison, of Sedgwick, Ark.; Joe Rennison, of Odell, Oregon; Charles Rennison, of Orlando, Okla., and Mrs. Mattie Allen, of Alhambra, Cali.; — and four grandsons, Jack, Bobbie, and Jimmie Ralstin, of Enid; Kenneth Richardson, of Hennessey and also a host of friends wherever she was known.

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