

An Obituary of Mrs. Combacker

Pneumonia Cause of Death—Had Been
Ill Only a Few Days.

The following tribute to the late Mrs. Julia Ridley Combacker, is clipped from her home paper:

Julia Anna, daughter of Chas. A. and Anna Brown Ridley, was born in Grinnell, Iowa, November 23, 1867. She was educated in the public schools and college of that city, living there until her marriage with Dr. Henry E. Combacker, June 23rd, 1893. Her death occurred at her home in this village November 25th, 1927, after an illness of less than one week of pneumonia.

The community was greatly shocked and saddened when it was learned that Mrs. Combacker had passed away, for only a few days before she had been on our streets, apparently well, and while her friends knew she was ill, the danger of her condition was not realized until the day before her death, when the disease took an unfavorable turn and her never very rugged constitution could not withstand the strain. All that good nursing, doctors' skill and loving friends could do was done, but to no purpose.

Mrs. Combacker was quiet and gentle in her ways, but was of a strong and decided character, always standing firmly by what she considered right. She was greatly beloved by her neighbors and many friends. She was always a good worker in any society to which she belonged. She had been President of the Woman's Club, and while she was always in sympathy with all of its branches, she was particularly interested in the bird section, as she loved nature. While she herself was an Episcopalian, she always attended the Methodist church here and was a devoted helper, being President of the aid society at the time of her death and also a member of the Missionary Society. She was an active member of the Eastern Stars.

Yet in doing so much for public activities Mrs. Combacker was essentially a home maker. She was a wonderful house-keeper, a most devoted wife and mother and a most charming hostess. Few people could hold so many positions and do each one as well, and for this reason her passing away will leave a vacancy in our community that

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will be hard to fill.

Besides her husband and three children; Dr. Leon Combacker of Fergus Falls, Minn., Mrs. Marjorie Funne of Osceola and Howard Combacker of Minneapolis, she leaves three grand children, one sister, Mrs. Emma Colgrove of Pasadena, Calif., who came at the summons of her death; two brothers, Harry Ridley, of Pasadena and Ralph Ridley of Yakima, Washington.

A short service was held at the house at 1:30 Tuesday — a prayer by the pastor and a hymn, "In The Garden," beautifully sung by Walter Mallory, St. Paul tenor, an intimate friend of the family. At 2 o'clock very impressive and comforting services were held at the Methodist church by the Rev. Geo. Hansen. Mr. Mallory here sang very effectively two solos—"There Is No Night There" and "Lead Kindly Light."

Interment was in the village cemetery. The love and sympathy of her many friends were expressed by the many beautiful flowers.