

# Pneumonia is Fatal To Florence Besst After Short Illness

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An occurrence of unusual sadness which came as a shock to the people of Sunrise was the death, after an illness of extremely short duration, of Florence Besst which occurred at 10 A. M. on Thursday at Wheatland. Although it was conceded at the beginning that her affliction, which had been diagnosed as acute pneumonia, was of a serious nature few realized the possibility of the sad ending of the life of one so young and so apparently endowed with all the powers of resistance that youth and good health could bestow. Miss Besst although complaining of not feeling well for a few days prior to Saturday evening continued her regular duties at the Sunrise hotel when she confided to Mrs. Miller that she felt unable to continue her work as she felt that she was going to be seriously ill. Mrs. Miller immediately had her placed under the care of a competent physician and every care that loving and experienced hands could bestow was promptly administered. On Sunday her condition had become so serious however, that removal to the hospital was advised by the physician in charge and arrangements were completed for her removal to Wheatland on Sunday afternoon. It was generally hoped that her condition might show signs of improvement and Mrs. Miller together with her former associates at the Sunrise hotel, kept informed daily in regard to her condition in addition to sending flowers in loving token of esteem.

Her condition, while at first seeming to improve, on Thursday took a decided change for the worse and at 10 o'clock on Thursday evening God called her to her eternal reward.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church in Wheatland, being attended by a very large gathering of people from all parts of the county, a large number of Sunrise people being in attendance.

The sermon was both beautiful and impressive, the singing of Jesus Lover of my Soul and Safe in the Arms of Jesus, by a mixed quartette being extremely touching and beautiful.

A wealth of beautiful flowers bore mute evidence of the esteem in which she was held by all who knew her, a large and very beautiful wreath contributed by her friends and associates from the Sunrise hotel where she had been employed, being among the many floral offerings. Florence Besst was born in Lucas county, Iowa on October 23, 1904, being one of a family of 6 daughters and one son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Besst, one of the most highly respected families of Platte county. She was 24 years old at the time of her death.

She attended Wheatland high school during her girlhood days and was a faithful and efficient student as well as a faithful worker at all times, being an active member of the Methodist church as well as a member of Royal Neighbors and Rebekahs, the latter order having charge of the services. The friends from Sunrise contributing the floral wreath were Mrs. Lily Miller, Mrs. Inez Schur, Mrs. Laura Wilson, Mrs. Bessie Dower, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mylet and E. J. Morley. Among others who attended