

NATWICK, CHRISTINE SARAH

June 30, 1919-July 22, 1927

At the tender age of eight years, twenty-two days after her birthday, Christine, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Natwick, was called to her heavenly reward. The last few years of her life, the little girl had known much suffering and for six months prior to her death she had been confined to her bed in the hospital. Christine bore her suffering patiently, at times almost cheerfully, in spite of the great odds against her which finally overwhelmed her indomitable spirit.

The end came peacefully on Friday at 10:30 p.m., as she lay in her father's arms. Death had been hourly expected for many days and from the very beginning of the last illness it was apparent the battle must be waged unevenly. Hope sprang anew as she rallied at intervals, each relapse took heavy toll of her waning vitality.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the little white casket was carried from the family home to the Congregational church, where it rested at the altar amidst a bower of beautiful flowers as Rev. D. Powell conducted the funeral services. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Watson Mortuary in charge. During the funeral hour, practically all business houses in the city closed their doors.

Mrs. E. Plund, of Chicago, as sister of Mrs. Natwick, came to Wheatland to attend the funeral.

Christine Sarah Natwick was born in Wheatland June 30, 1919 and died July 22, 1927, aged 8 years and 22 days. She received Christian baptism in August, 1919, Rev. A.T. Evans officiating.

In January 1927, she was taken ill with influenza which settled on her heart, already weakened by an attack of Corea two years previous. She was taken to the Wheatland General Hospital where for six months every effort was made to prolong and save her life.

She was of a spiritual nature. At 4 o'clock on the day of her death, she asked for evening prayer and at 10 o'clock, realizing that change was near, she begged to be allowed to go home, which request was granted and she died in her father's arms on the way home.

She leaves her father, mother, two sisters and a brother to mourn her loss.