

Death Claims Mrs. H. J. Derthick and Miss Helen Welshimer

Mrs. Derthick Served As Assistant To President For Twenty-Three Years

Mrs. Perl Derthick died at 12:15 a. m. Saturday, December 11 in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Although she had been seriously ill since December 1, her health had been poor for the last fifteen years.

Mrs. Derthick was the wife of former president of Milligan College, Dr. Henry J. Derthick. They had recently celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Derthick was a native of Mantua, Ohio. She had lived in Tennessee since 1917, when Dr. Derthick assumed his duties as president of Milligan College.

During her husband's presidency,



MRS. H. J. DERTHICK

which continued for 23 years, Mrs. Derthick served as Assistant to the President without remuneration. While her husband was away from the college soliciting funds she managed the administrative affairs of the college. She served as dean of women, dietician and superintendent of the grounds. She planted the beautiful shrubbery, flowers and trees, which have become the distinctive feature of the Milligan campus.

Mrs. Derthick also encouraged and counseled her husband in his later work as the president of Facing Forward, Inc., a vocational advisory and character-building organization for high school students in ten Upper

Mr. H. J. Derthick
415 East "K" Street
Elizabethton, Tennessee
Dear Mr. Derthick:

On behalf of the alumni of Milligan College, I wish to express to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your good wife and our true friend, Mrs. Derthick.

Mrs. Derthick is dear to the hearts of all those who came to know and to love her while they were students at Milligan College. Her life will remain a shining example and her influence felt so long as any member of the Milligan college family may live.

Mrs. Derthick was a remarkable woman of many talents, none of which were hidden, but all of which were used to benefit and inspire those with whom she came in contact. She brought lasting beauty, not only to the lives of the students, but to their material surroundings as well. What seems to be one of her favorite scriptures is truly applicable to her—"Her price is far above rubies."

Mr. Derthick we want you and your sons to know that there are those who share your sorrow and your loss—a great host of Milligan College students—and that we are praying that you will find comfort and peace in the promise our Heavenly Father has made to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Bowman, President
Milligan College Alumni
Association.

East Tennessee High Schools.

Mrs. Derthick was a past president of the Women's Club of Elizabethton and an associate member of the Major Folsom Chapter of UDC. She was a member of the Hopwood Memorial Christian Church on the Milligan College campus.

Surviving her death are her husband Dr. Henry J. Derthick, 415 East K Street, Elizabethton and three sons, Francis Leigh Derthick, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, superintendent of Chattanooga City Schools and Roger H. Derthick, Atlanta, Georgia. Two grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. One son Sergeant Fee Derthick preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held from her home in Elizabethton on December 12, 1954. Memorial services were held in the Milligan College chapel on January 17, 1955 with Dean C. M. Eyler, former dean of Milligan College delivering the address.

Miss Welshimer, Member Board Of Directors

Miss Helen Welshimer, Canton, Ohio, who has been a member of the Milligan College Board of Directors for the last twenty years, died on December 22, 1954. Miss Welshimer's death followed a lingering illness of fifteen years.

Graduated from McKinley High School in Canton and from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, Miss Welshimer took graduate work in Columbia University majoring in journalism and playwriting.

Miss Welshimer was first employed



MISS HELEN WELSHIMER

as a feature writer for the former **Canton Daily News**. From Canton she went to Akron to write for the **Akron Beacon Journal**. From that position she went to Cleveland as an employee of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, Inc. Later she was transferred to the New York office of NEA.

She resigned her feature work with NEA and became a free lance writer for King Features, Inc. She was a regular contributor to Good Housekeeping and Christian Herald Magazines. She was also a contributor to Red Book, Women, Child Life, National Parent and Teacher's Magazine and McCalls.

Miss Welshimer was the author of four books of poems, **Singing Drums, Shining Rain, Candlelight and Souvenirs**. Her volume of "Souvenirs" sold more than 75,000 copies. She also wrote three volumes of fiction and a number of short stories. Among her non-fiction works were **Questions Girls Ask, Talks To Girls, and Girlhood Today**.

She served for one year as president of Ohio Woman's Newspaper Association. She was active in church work and greatly in demand as a public speaker.

In addition to her parents Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Welshimer, she is survived by her sister Mildred, Dean of Women at Milligan College and a brother, Ralph, from Canton, Ohio.

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