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MRS. FRANK SHEA

On Wednesday June 7th, the community of St. Louis lost one of its best known and most loved residents, and the family of Frank J. Shea was grieved at the passing of a devoted wife and loving mother. Death came after an extensive illness of over a year which was born with Christian fortitude.

Her passing, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, came as a merciful deliverance, though a severe shock to her family and to the community in which she had been so well known, especially as an assistant in the Family General store which served the locality for the past 18 years. Her social work and parochial work as well as her devotion to her family will long be remembered.

Born in Tignish July 5th, 1878, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ready, and educated in Tignish and in Prince of Wales College, she taught school for a number of years at various points throughout the Island. She was married in St. Simon and St. Jude Church, Tignish, 1902 to Frank J. Shea and lived in Waterford for 30 years, after which the family moved to St. Louis.

The funeral took place on Saturday June 10th, and was one of the largest ever held in the Palmer Road parish. A Solemn Requiem High Mass was sung at 9:30 A. M. with Father Patrick Walsh as celebrant and was assisted by Father Willard O'Brien as Deacon and Father Emanuel Richard as Sub Deacon. Present in the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Msgr. A.G. Baker, P. D. of Nanaimo, B. C., Rev. John A. MacDonald, P. P. of Tignish and Rev. William Monaghan, D. P. P. of Alberion.

She leaves to mourn besides a sorrowful husband, one brother John in Michigan, Ohio, and two sisters, Minnie, Mrs. Terrance Farrell, Bertha, Mrs. Edward Aylward, both of Biggar, Sask., and three sons, Chester of Waterford, Dr. Wilbert of Alberion and Frank Jr. of St. Louis also six daughters, Cora, Mrs. Harris Callaghan of Ebbesfleet, Ada, Mrs. Bernard Slowey, and Patricia, Mrs. Frank Ellsworth, both of Bridgeport, Conn., Alfreda, Mrs. Leigh O'Brien of Alberion, Clara, Mrs. John Praught of Ottawa, Eva, Mrs. Arthur Bernard of St. Catharines, Ont.

Interment was made in the family plot at Palmer Road Cemetery. The pall bearers were Emmett Callaghan, Jerome Bernard, Howard Dunbar, A. D. O'Brien, Emmett Shea and Charles Gavlin.



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—There passed peacefully away on Thursday, March 5th, Francis J. Shea, a highly respected resident of St. Louis. He was in his 75th year.

Born in Waterford, P. E. I., he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Angus Shea. In his youth he operated a farm and when the fox ranching boom began in 1912, he became one of the pioneers in this industry in which he was most successful.

For many years he was also engaged in the lobster canning business, having operated canneries at Pleasant View and Minnecash.

In 1931, he moved to St. Louis where he operated a merchandise and produce business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

The deceased had always enjoyed good health until a few weeks prior to his death when he entered hospital and was told that nothing could be done for his condition. His resignation to the Divine Will was most edifying. He returned home and calmly prepared for the end, tenderly cared for by his son Frankie and his wife, and fortified by the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church of which he was a faithful member.

In his varied occupations he came in contact with a large number of people by whom he was admired and respected.

Of a jovial and friendly disposition, his hospitable home was the scene of many happy gatherings of family and friends.

His wife, the former Catherine Ready, of Tignish, predeceased him three years ago. Nine children, six daughters and three sons are left to mourn their loss. They are: Cora, Mrs. Harris Callaghan, Ebbesfleet; Patricia, Mrs. Frank Ellsworth, Bridgeport, Conn.; Ada, Mrs. Bernard Slowey, Bridgeport, Conn.; Clara, Mrs. John Praught, Ottawa, Ont.; Eva, Mrs. Arthur Bernard, St. Catharines, Ont.; Freda, Mrs. Leigh O'Brien, Alberion; Chester Shea, Waterford, Dr. Wilbert Shea, Alberion and Frank, Jr., at home. Surviving also is one sister, Rev. Sister Cecelia of St. Paul, Minn., and one brother, Peter, residing in the United States.

His funeral, one of the largest ever seen in Palmer Road Church, was held on Monday, March 9th, with Solemn High Mass celebrated by his pastor, Rev. Patrick Walsh, with his nephews, Rev. Claude Shea and Rev. Howard Shea, as deacon and sub-deacon.

The pall bearers were, Howard Dunbar, Edward Millman, W. B. McLellan, Peter Burke, Ray Shea and Ferdinand Brown. The beautiful floral tributes and numerous

Mass Cards and the large number who came to pay their respects and attend his funeral, bore mute testimony of the esteem in which the deceased was held. R. I. P.