

OBITUARY

EDWARD O'MELIA

On Monday morning, August 2, 1937, at the Providence Hospital in Everett occurred the death of one of Stanwood's most esteemed and respected citizens, Edward O'Melia. Although he had been in poor health for some weeks, the announcement of his passing was a shock to the community and brought to all who knew him sorrow and regret. Mr. O'Melia died of heart trouble.

He had been a resident of Stanwood for upwards of four decades and was well known throughout this portion of the state. His large interests in the lumber and logging industry had brought him a wide acquaintance and a legion of friends. He was born in Hastings County, May 29th, 1870 and came to Washington when but 19 years of age. He located first in the Snoqualmie district where he worked in the hop fields for some years. Later he came to the Snohomish and Arlington districts and for a number of years had charge of Joe Ferguson's Logging Works on Camano Island. In the year 1905 he entered the logging industry for himself and for 12 years or more conducted his operations in the Hood's Canal territory. His operations were very successful and in the year 1917 he retired from active operation of camps and devoted his time to the other interests which he had acquired.

Mr. O'Melia was the son of Anthony O'Melia and Johannah Fleorn. On June 18, 1902, he was married to Miss Alice Hogan who, with one daughter, Helen, survives him. One other daughter, Mary, preceded her father in death, passing away February 10th, 1924.

After his retirement from active business he devoted his time to his many interests and gave much time and attention to civic, community work and welfare. He was closing out his 12th year as a director of the Stanwood High and Grade Schools. For many years he had acted in the capacity of trustee and president of the Irvine Public Library Commission of Stanwood, and to his untiring efforts and assistance is due in large measure, the growth of that institution.

Mr. O'Melia was a faithful and consistent member and worker in his church, generous and tolerant. In this as in all his other activities was a desire to be helpful to all with whom he came into contact. Those associated with him, whether in his religious life, his business activities, in his civic and welfare labors or in a social way, found in him a true man, generous, forbearing, kind and faithful to his every word and promise.

Besides his immediate family he is survived by one brother, Patrick O'Melia of Port Orchard, Washington, and one sister, Mrs. William Doyle, Marmora, Ontario.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 10 a.m. from St. Cecelia's Catholic church, with Rev. John Hayes celebrating the Requiem High Mass, Rev. Father Duffy, of Wenatchee, a former pastor here, was in the Sanctuary and conducted the service at the grave. Rev. Father Fitzgerald, of Everett, another former pastor, and close friend of family brought his boys' choir from Everett for the singing and Father Fitzgerald preached the funeral sermon, which was a glowing tribute to Mr. O'Melia in which was paid him every respect of the Church, and the large crowd attending the rites, showed the esteem in which he was held in the community.

Relatives and friends from Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Olympia, North Bend, Everett and the surrounding towns came to attend the funeral.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Dan McDonald, Wm. McDougal, James Berry, George Hooper, W. E. Davis, and E. A. Rosser. Interment followed in the Marysville cemetery. C. J. Gunderson and Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

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MRS. ELLEN DOYLE

After an illness extending over about five months Mrs. Ellen Doyle passed away at her home in the village on Sunday evening, May 19th. She was the widow of the late William Doyle, and was in her seventy-ninth year.

The late Mrs. Doyle was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony O'Melia and was born in Percy township. When she was about six years of age the family moved to Cordova Mines, where she resided until her marriage to William Doyle in 1902. After their marriage they resided in Marmora township, where they engaged in farming until about nine years ago when they moved to Marmora village. Mr. Doyle predeceased her about three years ago.

Mrs. Doyle was a devout member of Sacred Heart Church and was a member of the Catholic Women's League, the Altar Society and the League of the Sacred Heart. Her friendliness and kindly disposition and her sympathy for those in trouble won her many friends by whom she was highly esteemed.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. L. Hulsmans, Marmora Township Mrs. Fred Reynolds and Mrs. John Bedore, Marmora village, also twenty grand-children.

The funeral was held yesterday forenoon at 10 o'clock, when Requiem Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church by Rev. H. J. Farrell, Interment in Sacred Heart cemetery.

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