

[Howland, Cora Anna Hull]

From MEDINA CHURCH NOTES
[with minor editing]

On Friday, April 11th, Mrs. Anna Howland, one of our most loyal members and faithful workers, was called to her heavenly home. Her dear and gracious presence will be sadly missed by our entire society, but we cannot say, and we will not say, that she is dead. She is just away.

Mrs. Howland was one of those saintly souls whom everybody loves and trusts. Her many fine qualities of mind and heart had endeared her to every member of our society and her going away has brought a feeling of sadness and a sense of loss to every heart. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roy [Adelaide] Willis of Medina, with whom she resided, and Mrs. Charles Slade of Millers, and one sister Mrs. Bert Bartow, whose home is in Michigan. She had been in failing health since Christmas time and being stricken with an incurable disease her death was not unexpected, but nevertheless it comes with crushing force to the devoted daughters and loving sister who cared for her so tenderly and faithfully to the end. The funeral services which were beautifully simple and solemn, were held on Sunday afternoon, her pastor, the Rev. I. V. Lobell officiating. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, white flowers predominating as if to symbolize the sweetness and purity of the gentle spirit of the dear woman whose casket they covered. The remains were taken to Ridgeway¹ and laid to rest.

Her long and painful illness was borne patiently and without complaint, and though her dear ones felt that for her, death was a blessed release from untold suffering, their yearning hearts will sometimes call for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still.

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¹ She is buried in the West Ridgeway Cemetery in Medina.