

November 23, 1948

Mrs. Calla Gowdy Gregg
Montrose, California

Dear Cousin:

You will be sorry to know that my wife, Gertrude, passed away October 30 from the effects of a malignant growth which was first operated nearly three years ago and was operated again on the tenth of January.

Everything that love and science could do was done to save her--but without avail. For about the last ten days or more, she had been kept under the effect of drugs to avoid the excruciating pain which usually occurs in such cases.

We brought her home by ambulance airplane August 11 and took her directly to the hospital where she remained until she passed away.

The 14th of the month marked the completion of 54 years of married life. My children have been very helpful, and one of the girls had been with me most of the time that she was sick and continuously until yesterday.

Gertrude was a wonderful woman who had a tremendous capacity for doing kind and loving deeds. Thousands of letters and cards have been received since her passing. So many flowers were received that many were distributed to others, and still they banked the entire lot at the cemetery.

I know that this is something that everyone has to go through, and something that my little mother met with more than 70 years ago. Even the knowledge of the suffering of others, does little to take away the loneliness.

With best wishes to you, Norma and Mrs. Gregg, I am
as ever

Lovingly, your cousin