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Dear friends:

Your Christmas card with the picture of your darling children was received in due time; but, apparently, you did not know that Gertrude had passed away October 30. The cause of her death was cancer for which she had been twice operated.

I think she continued to have hope for recovery until the last few weeks before her death. The people at the hospital loved her and, besides her private nurses for each of the eight hour periods of the day and night, she had the love and care of the entire hospital group. Everyone in the community seemed to know and to love her.

I have had the loving help of our son and three daughters-- I could truthfully say four daughters because Marie, Dolph's wife, has been so kind and helpful in every way.

I am fortunate in having good help at home in the way of a student and his wife. The young woman is very capable and maintains the home as Gertrude would have liked it to be kept.

Our granddaughter, Eileen Maloney, was married September 8, and it was a great sorrow to Gertrude that she could not attend the wedding. Our oldest grandchild, Owen W. Maloney, Jr.,--Pat-- is to be married on the 22nd of January to a very charming young woman who lives in Philadelphia, Mississippi. He met her while he was in New Orleans as the representative of the Maloney-Crawford Tank Company.

Dolph Simons, Jr., played football for K.U. and made quite a reputation for his kicking. His younger brother, John, was quarterback of the high school team, and another grandson, Mike McNalley, was quarterback for the high school team at Minneapolis, Kansas. While Gertrude had seen her grandsons play in high school games, it was a disappointment to her not being able to see Dolph play for K.U.