

## Nellie Raffo

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MRS. RAFFO DEAD—A Noble, Pure and Gentle Woman Passes Away.

Mrs. Nellie Raffo, (nee Walker), wife of Captain J.S. Raffo, engineer on the tug Inca, is no more. The Angel of Death visited her home on St. Simon[s] early Monday morning and carried her from among her loved ones to a fairer and happier home—a home where she will no more know sorrow or pain.

She was ill only a short time, and the announcement of her death was indeed a great shock to her legion of friends in this city. The immediate cause of her death was a congestive chill. She had been ill for a week, but on Thursday felt well enough to be up and but for the rain would have come up from the island, but Friday she felt worse, and on Saturday Dr. McCaskill, her attending physician, called in Dr. Branham, of this city, and they did all that human skill could devise to save her, but it was of no avail, as she passed away at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning surrounded by her family.

Her death was free from all pain, she being perfectly conscious to the last, and as she realized that the end was drawing near, she called all her children to her deathbed and gave each in turn a goodbye kiss and kindly counsel as to what they should do when she was no more.

The funeral services took place this morning from the First Baptist church, Rev. W.M. Gilmore officiating. Rev. Gilmore paid a high tribute to the virtues of the deceased speaking of her Christian and home life. He spoke of her long service in the Baptist church in behalf of the Lord, and in a beautiful manner depicted her purity, nobility and gentleness of character, bringing tears to the eyes of many. At the conclusion of the services, which were very impressive, the remains were escorted to Oak Grove cemetery, where the interment took place.

In the death of Mrs. Raffo the community has lost one of its noblest and purest women. Her life has been an inspiration to all who knew her and her Christian influence was felt by many. Her loss will be keenly felt by the little ones she has left behind, who no more will know that mother's tender touch that has so gently and lovingly guided them in the past and shown them the way they should go. The bereaved husband has the sympathy of the entire community in his sad loss.

The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. H.J. Read, C.D. Ogg, D.W. Krauss, D. Devereux, L.D. Gale and Captain Lomm.

As a mark of respect to the deceased all the steamers in the harbor flew their flags at half-mast yesterday.

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