

Lelia Briers Myers

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LELIA MYERS FOUND DEAD IN BEDROOM

Funeral For Former Teacher To Be Friday

The entire city was shocked and grieved late Wednesday afternoon to learn of the unexpected death of Mrs. Lelia Briers Myers, 46, widely known school teacher and member of a prominent pioneer Hinton family.

Mrs. Myers was found dead in a bedroom at her home in Bellepoint at 4:30 p. m. of a self-inflicted bullet wound from a .38 calibre pistol.

She had apparently been in good spirits, and some 15 or 20 minutes before had requested her son to go to the postoffice for the mail. When he returned he found her in the floor of their home with the fatal bullet wound. She is believed to have died instantly.

Mrs. Myers had been in ill health since last spring when she had a serious illness for about six weeks. She made a partial recovery and resumed her teaching duties at the Bellepoint school at the beginning of the present school term. She taught for about three weeks before requesting a leave of absence. She recently re-entered the hospital for treatment. She returned to her home about a week ago and was apparently improved.

Mrs. Myers was born in Hinton, February 25, 1904, and with her parents moved to Bellepoint in 1909 where she had lived until her death.

She was a graduate of the Hinton High School and of the Hinton Normal School. She attended the summer sessions of Concord College and the extension classes here to work on a degree. She was granted a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concord college in 1941.

For the last 27 years, Mrs. Myers has taught in the public schools of the county, and most of that time was spent at the Bellepoint school.

She was a member of the Bellepoint Baptist church, the Bellepoint Community Club and Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Myers was an unusually popular person and had hundreds of close friends throughout the community. She was possessed of an enviable personality and high traits of character that endeared her to everyone. Her cheerful disposition enabled her to win friends easily, and they held her in the highest regard.

Besides her son, Robert F. Myers, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Briers, highly respected pioneer residents, of this city, with whom she made her home. Also five brothers, Eugene Hume Briers, of Akron, Ohio, Earl E. Briers, of Huntington, Ira E. Briers, of Huttonsville, Leslie H. Briers and Charles S. Briers, of this city.

The body will be removed from the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlor late this afternoon to the home of her brother, Charles S. Briers, on Miller Avenue in Bellepoint.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at the Bellepoint Baptist church, with Rev. C. H. Martin officiating and assisted by Rev. Wilbur Whanger and Rev. James Salango.

Burial will follow in Restwood Memorial Estate.

Active pallbearers will be Dorse R. Richardson, Joe Sims, Russell Carper, James Harrah, Winifred Mize, Clarence Gunnoe, Emmett McLaughlin, Harold Purvis, Ray E. Sawyers and Guy Pack.