J. Irving Meadows

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Mr. And Mrs. J. Irving Meadows Buried In Family Cemetery At Ellison Ridge; Many Friends Attend Last Rites

Death came Sunday and Monday, December 27 and 28, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvin Meadows, prominent Summers county residents, at their home at Ellison Ridge. Both of them died following brief illness of pneumonia. Mr. Meadows died on Sunday and Mrs. Meadows died on Monday.

Mrs. Meadows was before her marriage, Miss Junie Lilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lilly, of Ellison Ridge. She was stricken Christmas with double pneumonia and died December 28. Her husband passed away the day before. They lived in Ellison virtually all their lives and were widely known throughout Summers county.

Mr. and Mrs. Meadows are survived by the following children: Hobert Meadows, of Whitney, W. Va.; Lilly Shrewsbury, of Beckley; Georgia Lilly and Piney Bowers, of Crab Orchard, W. Va.; Stanton Meadows, of New, W. Va.; Layton Meadows, of Killarney, W. Va.; Creed Meadows, of Ellison; Leonard Meadows and John Meadows, of Ellison, and Willard Meadows, of Whiteman. Mrs. Meadows leaves one sister, Mrs. Florence Moye, of Princeton, and one brother, Everett E. Lilly, of Ellison.

Mrs. Meadows was a member of the Baptist church and she was active in church work. Before their passing Mr. Meadows is quoted as saying: "I am ready to go. Mammy, are you ready to go?" and Mrs. Meadows answered "Yes."

The double funeral service was conducted at the home by the Rev. Richard Lilly, of Ellison. It was attended by the largest crowd that ever attended funeral rites in this territory. Both Mr. and Mrs. Meadows were buried in the same grave in the family cemetery.