

**F. Y. Orear**

With the passing of F. Y. Orear, commonly known as "Fletch," one of Bates county and Butler's long time citizens goes from our midst. He and his congenial and ever pleasant disposition will be greatly missed.

Mr. Orear died February 13th at his home on West Ohio street of cancer of the stomach. He was surrounded by his wife, children, brothers and other relatives when death came. All that loving hearts and hands could do was done to relieve his suffering and to prolong life. His sickness was brief, lasting only a few days.

He was born in Indiana, August 10, 1858. In 1868 he moved, with his family to Butler, where he has since resided, with the exception of a very brief period spent in Warrensburg.

Mr. Orear came of a large family. Those best known to Bates county are A. H. and P. H. Orear; and Mrs. McComb of Butler, Mrs. Garwood of Nevada, Mrs. Schillinger of St. Louis, and Mack Orear of Lebo, Kan.

Mr. Orear was married three times. First to Miss Ida Brannock, second to Miss Lydia Park and third to Mrs. Nellie Barlow. To the first union were born three children, Walter, Lela and Stella, to the second three children, Ruth, Arthur and Ruby. All but Stella, who died in infancy, and Mrs. Garwood of Nevada, who is in poor health, were present at the funeral.

Funeral services were held at the Ohio Street M. E. Church on Sunday at 2:00 p. m. conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Mitchell. His text was "Precious in The Sight Of the Lord is the Death of His Saints." "Psalm 116:15. A high tribute was paid the Christian integrity and loyalty of Mr. Orear to the church of his choice. The day he took sick he was planning to attend church. It was his delight to be in the house of God. It was the privilege of the pastor to be with him in his sickness and death and find an abiding faith in Christ. He was converted in his teens.

For over forty years Mr. Orear worked in Day's Marble Shop, cutting and lettering many stones to mark the last resting places. But now he rests and someone else must mark his resting place.

The body was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

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