

## Ellen Welsh Vermilya

Occupant Name: Ellen Welsh Vermilya

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 8/24/1897

Date of Death: 9/15/1926

Date of Burial: 1926

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

Ellen Welsh, the youngest daughter of John and Ella Welsh, and was born in Brownstown August 24, 1897. She possessed unusual mentality, her quick grasp and broad comprehension making her peculiarly fitted for the career she craved in her young childhood, that of becoming a teacher. After graduating with the class of 1915 of the Brownstown high school, she attended the Marion Normal, and acquitted herself to become one of the most efficient teachers in the Brownstown schools, which position she held for several years.

She was married to Wright Vermilya, Jr., of Brownstown, at Eton, Ohio June 12, 1920. They resided near Cincinnati until March, when they moved to Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. Vermilya was a member of the Brownstown Christian church and Eastern Star. She was a kind, loving and conscientious young lady, who by her pleasant disposition made for herself many friends, who will love and cherish her memory for all time to come. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the young husband, mother and relatives in their deep affliction.

Besides her husband and mother she leaves one sister and three brothers: Mrs. Mayme Vermilya and Lawrence Welsh, of Brownstown; W. M. Welsh, of Vincennes; Edgar Welsh, of Marion, and John Welsh of Detroit, Mich.

## Ellen Vermilya Meets Instant Death in Wreck

Shoulder on Paved Road Crumbles Throwing Car Over Steep Embankment Near Brazil.

(Special to The Banner)

Brazil, Ind., Sept. 15—Mrs. Wright Vermilya, aged 29, of Little Rock, Ark., was crushed to death and Dr. Robert Caldwell and wife, also of Little Rock, all formerly of Brownstown, were slightly injured when a new Lincoln touring car Caldwell was driving home from the factory skidded and turned over in a ditch just west of this city at 10 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Caldwell had turned out to escape a head-on collision with a Buick car from Michigan, headed east, which had turned out from the traffic. The shoulder of the road crumbled and caused his car to turn over. The body was brought to the morgue here.

Her husband, Lieut. Wright Vermilya, in charge of government landing field in Arkansas, is on his way here in an airplane. State highway police are looking for the driver of the Buick which caused the accident.

The foregoing message was received by the Banner at noon today after a word had been received of the accident.

In a telephone conversation with the Banner, Dr. Caldwell stated that Mrs. Vermilya, Mrs. Caldwell and himself left Indianapolis about seven o'clock and were about a mile west of Brazil on the National road about ten o'clock when the accident happened.

All three were pinned beneath the car when it turned on its top in the ditch which was fairly deep. Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell were riding in the front seat and Mrs. Vermilya was in the rear seat alone. Dr. Caldwell said that from the position of Mrs. Vermilya's body it seemed that she might have risen when she saw the impending danger and was caught and crushed by the top of the front seat when the car turned over. Passing motorists lifted the car from them.

Wright Vermilya, on receiving a wire from Dr. Caldwell, that his wife had been in an automobile accident, immediately left Little Rock, where he is stationed with the state airplane squadron, in an airplane for Brazil, according to a message to his father, Edwin Vermilya, of Brownstown which stated, "am leaving at eleven-thirty by air. Wire will reach me care of operation officer at Scottfield, Ill., until four o'clock, (signed) Wright." Scottfield is also known as the Belleville field and is located at East Louis.

Dr. Caldwell formerly lived in this county, practicing medicine in Salt (Continued on Page 6, Sec. 1)

