

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 2, in Belleville, Illinois for the following: Brother Carl Froese, pastor of the First Apostolic Church, Mattoon, Illinois; Sister Rosine Froese, his mother, Belleville, Illinois; Sister Marie Tekniepe, his sister, Chicago, Illinois; and Sister Hilda Simpkins, his sister, Cobden, Illinois. Sister Simpkins was the wife of Brother E. L. Simpkins, pastor of the Oneness Pentecostal Church of Cobden.

These saints of God have been missing since September 24. They were passengers in a plane piloted by Brother Carl Froese. The plane was enroute from Spokane, Washington to Missoula, Montana, and was last heard from near the Idaho-Montana border.

Love and sympathy were expressed by orchids, roses, and flowers of many colors and types. A large cross of white chrysanthemums, sent by the Illinois District, spoke of victory through Jesus' death.

A processional of more than seventy-five ministers opened the service. During this processional Brother Paul Childress played an organ prelude. The ministers remained standing for the Lord's Prayer.

Shadows seemed to flee as the Hudson Trio sang "No Night There." God's comforting presence was near during the opening prayer by Brother Reeter, District Secretary.

Brother Clarence Smith read of Sister Rosine Froese's faithful life. Brother Paul Davidson gave an account of Sister Marie Tekniepe's service to mankind. Brother Ace Summers read of Sister Hilda Simpkins' love and work for her family and the kingdom of God. Brother Louis Jackson presented the life of Brother Carl Froese as a pastor loving his work and his Lord.

Sister Marie Strepka sang the hymn "After."

Comforting words were spoken by Brothers J. R. Mann, Harold Crotser, H. G. Barnes, and H. E. White—all members of the Illinois District Board; and the following who are connected with our Headquarters: Brothers S. W. Chambers, A. L. Clanton, P. H. Box, Ray Agnew, and Calvin L. Rigdon.

Brother Virgil Hudson sang a hymn in German, entitled "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

Brother M. J. Wolff, District Superintendent of Illinois, brought the message. He spoke on the verse "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

God's comfort lingered in the hearts of the bereaved as the Hudson Trio sang "It Is Well With My Soul."

Brother S. W. Chambers, General Secretary, closed the service by asking the God of peace to give faith and eternal hope to all.

May God bless the bereaved in their trying hour.