

Active Life Comes to Close



Sylvester Q. Cannon . . . Member of the LDS council of twelve apostles and prominent engineer and civic and business leader, succumbs to a lengthy illness Saturday. He had served as stake president, mission president and was presiding bishop for 13 years before becoming an apostle. He had taken a leading part in engineering and supervising a church building program.

Death Ends Notable Career Of of LDS Church Leader

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He was a director and executive of many corporations in which the L. D. S. church held financial interests.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters and four sons, Julian S. Cannon, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Joseph Robinson, San Francisco; Winfield Q. Cannon, Los Angeles; Mrs. Rod O'Connor, Chicago; Lieutenant Lawrence S. Cannon, U. S. medical corps; Mrs. Lucille Richards, Sacramento, Cal., and Private Donald James Cannon of the army's Utah induction and recruiting division; 11 grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters, several of whom were adopted:

Mrs. I. E. Willey, Angus J. Cannon, Mrs. Alonzo Blair Irvine, Joseph J. Cannon, Lewis Telle Cannon, Brigham T. Cannon, all of Salt Lake City; Mrs. C. Clarence Neslen of Fort Lewis, Washington; Radcliffe Q. Cannon and Espey T. Cannon, both of Salt Lake City; Collins T. Cannon, Belle Fourche, S. D.; Dr. William T. Cannon, Edwin Q. Cannon, Tracy Y. Cannon, Mrs. Willard T. Cannon, Mrs. Vera C. Sharp and Wilford Y. Cannon, all of Salt Lake City; Clawson Y. Cannon, Ames, Iowa, and Georgius Y. Cannon, Pasadena, Cal.

affairs of the church and in church building and construction matters since becoming presiding bishop. Mr. Cannon supervised plans for construction of the Idaho Falls temple now virtually completed and furnished, and the projected Los Angeles temple.

Death Claims Prominent LDS Leader

Held Important Business and Civic Positions

Sylvester Q. Cannon, 65, widely known LDS church leader, civil engineer and a leading figure in civic, financial, business and educational affairs of Salt Lake City, Utah and the LDS church for many years, died Saturday at 1:25 p. m. in a Salt Lake hospital.

He had been in ill health since 1938 and during the past year had been forced to abandon most of his activities. He and Mrs. Cannon made their home in the Belvedere apartment hotel, 29 South State street, where he resided until several days ago when he was taken to the hospital.

At the time of his death Mr. Cannon was president of the McCune School of Music and Art, the Deseret News Publishing company and until recently was president of radio station KSL and chairman of the board of trustees of the LDS hospitals and other hospitals owned by his church.

A son of George Q. Cannon, outstanding pioneer leader, member of the church first presidency, and publisher, and of Elizabeth Hoagland Cannon, he was born in Salt Lake City, June 10, 1877. He spent his boyhood on a farm in the southeastern section of Salt Lake City.

Mr. Cannon received his education at a private school created and maintained by his father and later attended the LDS college, where he qualified in stenography. He accompanied his father on a trip through the eastern states and to England and subsequently attended the University of Utah and Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he qualified as an engineer.

In September, 1899, he left for a mission to Holland and Belgium, beginning an almost continuous career of church service. He was made president of the Netherlands-Belgium mission from 1900 to 1902, then accompanied Francis M. Lyman, president of the European mission, on a trip to Turkey, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Greece, Italy and France.

He married Winifred Saville June 15, 1904, in the Salt Lake temple. The same year he was made counselor in the presidency of the newly-organized Pioneer stake, serving in this position until 1917. From 1907 to 1909 he returned to Holland as mission president, and during that period supervised publication of several church works in the Dutch language.

In 1917 he was made president of Pioneer stake, holding that position until 1925 when he succeeded Charles W. Nibley as presiding bishop of the church. He served in that capacity until April, 1938, when he was made an associate to the council of twelve apostles, being made a member of the council of twelve in 1939 after the death of Melvin J. Ballard.

His engineering work included direction of the land and irrigation survey of Weber river for the state engineers from 1905 to 1907, water supply engineer for Salt Lake City, 1912 to 1913, and city engineer from 1913 to 1925, during with major works projects amounting to \$11,000,000, including the Parley's canyon reservoir near Mountain Dell.

Active particularly in financial

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