

Susan Decatur Humphreys

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At the National Hotel in this city on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 10 o'clock a.m., after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, Susan Decatur, wife of Dr. Geo. W. Humphreys. Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, which will start from the residence of Mrs. E.H. Brawner on Maryland avenue, between 7th and 8th streets west, on this (Monday) at 2 o'clock p.m. And proceed to Trinity Church, where the funeral services will be performed.

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Obituary

Died, in this city, at the National Hotel, on the 25th January, 1862, Mrs. Susan Decature Humphreys, relict of Dr. G.W. Humphreys, and daughter of the late Purser Robertson, U.S.N.

The death, or rather the life, of such a woman demands more than a passing notice, from one who knew her well. By her demise, society has lost one of its brightest ornaments. Another testimonial has been added to the truth of Christianity, of which, she both by precept and example, was a true professor. To the poor, she ever extended her open hand and heart--to the distressed, she ever acted the friend. The writer of this notice, when on a visit at the house of a relative a few years since, had occasion to enter the darkened parlors, where he beheld this angel of mercy upon her knees in silent prayer with her God. What a Heavenly moment! "I was almost persuaded to be a Christian." This I afterwards learned was her daily custom, and now while her soul rests in Glory, she has left many dear friends to mourn her loss, and caused an aching in many a stricken heart. She has left a bright example of all those endearing relations of life--wife, mother, sister, Christian, friend.

"Blessed are the pure in spirit."