

DEATH OF MRS. BLACK.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1951.

Present: MR. CHIEF JUSTICE VINSON, MR. JUSTICE REED, MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, MR. JUSTICE JACKSON, MR. JUSTICE BURTON, MR. JUSTICE CLARK, and MR. JUSTICE MINTON.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

"Mrs. Black, wife of Mr. JUSTICE BLACK, died on Friday last.

"Josephine Foster Black was a sweet and gracious lady—every day of her life. She combined the friendliness and warmth of the South with the stern discipline of the Scotch Presbyterian faith. She carried herself with dignity and brought to Washington a tolerance and understanding that made her universally beloved. She walked as a lady in the most elegant of drawing rooms and in the most humble of homes.

"Her consuming interest was her family, and yet she found time for many diverse activities outside the home. As a Gray Lady during the war years, she brought comfort and sympathy to the sick and wounded. In community causes, she was always found aiding the underprivileged. The oppressed of all races and religions knew her instinctively as a friend. Yet in spite of her wide interests and activities, she found time in recent years to develop her talents as a painter. Her works of art are receiving wider and wider recognition and reaching an ever-increasing audience.

“Whatever her expression—whether as mother, wife, hostess, artist, friend—it was always friendly and gentle. She showed by her life the great richness of love.

“As a mark of our sorrow and affection for our brother, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, and his family, and our respect and affection for Mrs. Black, the Court will transact no business today, will attend the funeral services in a body, and will adjourn until tomorrow.”