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Grace D. Brewer, "Farewell, Comrade Callery!" Appeal to Reason, No. 1117 (April 27, 1917), p. 3, col. 5.

The sad news of the death of Comrade Ida Hayman Callery, wife of the well-known Socialist lecturer, Phil H. Callery, was flashed to her many friends, far and near, April 14, 1917.

Since the days of her girlhood Ida Callery had been identified with the working class movement and the organized Socialist party, working for the cause, in the name of the cause and completely merging herself into it. She served two terms as secretary of the Socialist party in Oklahoma and an equal number of terms in the same capacity in Arkansas.

Her fight in behalf of the workers was conducted with a vigor and tenacity capable of a person possessed of much more physical strength. At the expiration of her term of office as state secretary of the Socialist party in Arkansas, Comrade Callery studied law and last June was admitted to the bar in Kansas, and became her husband's partner in the firm of Callery & Callery in Pittsburg, Kans.

As a practicing attorney-at-law she conducted her work in a manner highly commended by all members of the bar association with whom she came in contact. Along with her work as an attorney she eagerly sought to help and brighten the lives of the poor and distressed who crossed her path, as she had done throughout her entire brief life of thirty years.

In the practice of law the same ideal was ahead of her that had always been, the emancipation of the working class. And even during the last hours of her life, when her body was wracked with pain, she continued to talk of the work yet to be done among the workers by the labor organizations and the Socialist party.

We, her friends, can only bow to the inevitable and mingle our sorrows and tears with those nearer to her. But we can feel with rejoicing that the spirit of Ida Callery is still in the great international movement of the working class, of which she was a part and which she loved with all her heart and soul. Her work has not been dropped. Other hands will pick it up and the march of progress will continue, which has been so ably aided by the efforts of Comrade Callery. The idea of her life, which was to realize the emancipation of our entire society from the slough in which it now exists, is the ideal of thousands of loyal comrades everywhere who will continue to press onward.

Ida Callery played well her part in the drama of life. She has left the stage, but her memory will linger long, "like the odor of a fragrant rose crushed at full bloom; like the impress of a great thought flashed on the mind," not only in the hearts of husband, daughter, mother, father, sisters and brothers, but in the hearts of thousands of comrades and fellow-workers throughout the entire land.