

Alice Carlotta Chamberlain

In the winter month of December 20, 1879 three little brothers, James Henry (4 years), William Edward (3 years) and little Charlie (1 ½ years) welcomed into the world their first little sister, Alice Carlotta, a beautiful 'Rose Bud' born to James and Francis Chamberlain.

She grew to the age of accountability and, as all of the family, was baptized in an irrigation ditch, which was the custom in this little town of Cedar fort. She received her early education in the school in Cedar Fort.

In 1905 Alice married William Henry Cook. They had three children.

She grew to womanhood and desired further education. Her sister Edith wrote: 'Alice to me was a wonderful sweet person. She was talented in so many ways. She taught music on piano, trumpet and violin. She played the trumpet with two other girls in the Hells Band at Provo when she attended a year of college. She said it was fine until they had to march in parades, which she was a little self-conscious about.

She could sew beautifully. She made almost all her own and her children's clothes. She told me she bought her piano by giving piano lessons. All of the lessons I ever had, she taught me. Most of the time I would rather play with the babies, LaVerne and Ernest, and then take my music lessons. It's a wonder I ever learned a note.'

'She was pretty much a home girl. She loved her home and family and wanted to have nice things. I don't know too much about her in our home because I was quite young when she married. I do remember the pretty dresses she made for me though.'

After giving birth to her little girl (Thelma), Alice passed away eight days later from complication of childbirth. She died November 21, 1908 at the age of 28. She is buried in the Cedar Fort Cemetery.

It is so sad that her young life ended so soon, but Alice would have been proud of her children, Ernest, LaVerne and Thelma. They turned out to be wonderful people and so rich in character. Above all, they received tremendous love from their grandmothers and their loving stepmother.

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