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A tribute to Miss Melanie Scott



Melanie on her graduation day at Queens University, Belfast

On Thursday, 7th February, a former pupil of our school, Miss Melanie Scott was killed in a car accident on her way to work in Omagh. Melanie was the oldest of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Scott's three children.

From 1987 until 1997, Melanie travelled with her mother, who is our school secretary, from their home in Lisbellaw, the 10 miles to Kilskeery. Stephen and Gillian, her brother and sister also attended our school. She was one of the brightest pupils we had, obtaining top marks in her GCSE examinations.

The tragic accident was made all the worse by the fact that Melanie, who was 21 years of age, was to be married to Mr. David Foy on Saturday 16th February. Instead, the grieving family and a very large number of mourners, approximately 1000, gathered at Bethel Free Presbyterian Church and around the grave in nearby Breandrum Cemetery, just one week before that wedding date.

At the funeral services, hymns picked for Melanie and David's wedding were sung. Amongst the mourners were many young people from the Free Presbyterian Church as well as those Melanie had met during her student days in Queen's University, Belfast. The overflowing congregation heard Rev. John Gray, the minister of Bethel, preach a powerful gospel sermon from the story of Dorcas in Acts, chapter 9.

In the weeks that have intervened since that tragic day, God has graciously borne up a heart-broken mother and father, fiancé, brother and sister and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Scott and Mr. Clarence McMahon.

We bless God for the comfort that all who grieve over Melanie's death have in the knowledge that she was a child of God and is with the Lord. She was saved as a young child and played a prominent part in the life of Bethel congregation. She was a skilled pianist and accompanied the congregational praise. She was also a very active member of the young people's fellowship in her church.

Undoubtedly, her passing has spoken to many, especially those of her own age group, of the necessity of seeking the Lord while He may be found and also living our lives for Him.

To her father and mother, her brother and sister, her grandparents and especially to David Foy, her fiancé, we offer afresh our sincere sympathies and assure them of our continual prayers that the Lord Himself will draw near and console.

Only one life, 'Twill soon be past, Only what's done for Jesus will last.