

Elsie Janis Dies at 66

ed Singer, Dancer
n Hearts of Soldiers
Two World Wars

VERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 28
eath has taken Elsie Janis,
sang and danced her way
the hearts of New York,
on, Hollywood, and the
nboys of World War I.
e succumbed Sunday night,
tially as she had lived during
past decade, in her home



ELSIE JANIS

Friends disclosed her
ing in an announcement yes-
ay. She would have been
ext Tuesday.

Miss Janis spent nearly 50
rs on the stage and in films.
last few years were spent
nting illness.

MOVIE IN 1940

For 20 years she was a top
ne on Broadway and on
screen. In 1940 she made her
t movie, "Women in the War,"
d retired.

But she remained the same
fervent Elsie, trim of figure
d still able to do cartwheels,
til her health failed. She lived
mply and passed up many a
arty to entertain for veterans
n the soldiers' home not far from
er own dwelling.

During the past few years she
ccupied the Beverly Hills house
with a servant-chauffeur, Frank
Reme, and her nurse-secretary,
Elaine Lamb.

PRIVATE SERVICES

Mary Pickford, one of her old
friends, was there also when
death came. Private funeral
services will be conducted Thurs-
day.

Elsie, born Elsie Janis Bier-
hower in Columbus, O., went on
the stage at 8. She was a Broad-
way hit soon afterward as "Little
Elsie," and at 11 she was a head-
liner in vaudeville.

During World War I she was
"the sweetheart of the A. E. F.,"
appearing in hazardous advanced
areas to entertain troops. She
was the only woman entertainer
permitted to visit front lines, and
received several honorary
rations.

Her service to soldiers was re-
peated in World War II.

BROADWAY HITS

On Broadway she was a hit in
"The Vanderbilt Cup," "The Fair
Coed," "The Slim Princess" and
other productions. Her films in-
cluded "Close Harmony," for
which she wrote the original
story, and "Dark Victory," for
which she wrote one of the songs,
with Edmund Goulding, titled
"Give Me Time for Tenderness."

British actor Basil Hallam, her
fiance, was killed early in World
War I. After her mother's death
she became the wife of Gilbert
Wilson, in 1932. They resided
in Tarrytown, N. Y., until a few
years ago. Wilson, 16 years her
junior, is now a Tacoma, Wash.,
businessman.

"Elsie Janis was a valiant per-
son, a great trouper, a great soul,"
Miss Pickford told a reporter yes-
terday. "She was certainly one
of the greatest entertainers of all
times . . . She had a beautiful
career, a beautiful life."

Total	788
MOVING COUNTY:	495
Ash	710
Bedford	515
Berlin	403
Dundee	552
Erie	403
Exeter	403
Frenchtown	403
Ida	403
LaSalle	403
London	403
Milan	403
Monroe	403
Raisinville	403
Summerfield	403
Whiteford	403

*Population figures by wards not available.

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