For many years she was a widow who ran a boarding house in Tonopah, Nevada.

31 Jan 1945 Reno Evening Gazette Matron Of Nye Dies At Tonopah

"Tonopah - A resident of Nye county for more than 40 years, Mrs. Rose Anne Murphy, 79, died Jan 23 at the Nye County Hospital. Mrs. Murphy had been in ill health for the past two years and entered the hospital late October, her condition gradually weakening until she succumbed at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Funeral rites were conducted from St Patrick's Catholic Church Thursday morning. The Rev. F.S. Mikula was in charge of the rites and burial was in the Tonopah Cemetery. Pallbearers included W.H. Thomas, Ben Farrington, A.L. Tanner, Walter Bowler, Paul Kastner and W.H. Collins.

Mrs. Murphy was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio , and would have observed her eightieth birthday next Aug 17. Her early life was spent in the Midwest and when a young woman she traveled extensively. She visited several foreign countries and had collected many souvenirs of her visits. About 40 years ago she moved to Nevada and established her residence at Manhattan. In 1928 she moved to Tonopah where she had since resided."