Women Obituaries In Jordanian Press

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Abstract

This study stresses the pragmatic functions of the language of obituaries to demonstrate some aspects of the social status of the Jordanian woman.

In addition, the study handles the issue of gender and supports the observation that gender of the dead person, in many cases, determines language choice.

The factor of time is also taken into consideration. The study examines the period that extends from the year 1946 until 1995. The results and observations prove that references to the dead woman in particular have undergone certain changes which reflect changes in the social status of women over a period of half a century.