

[Brigham, L. Ward]

Dr. Brigham, Former City Pastor, Dies

The Rev. L. Ward Brigham, D.D., former pastor of Bingham's First Universalist Church, died Thursday in Washington, W.Va.

The clergyman suffered a paralytic stroke at the home of his son, the Rev. Warren Brigham. Dr. Brigham was in his 90s.

Dr. Brigham came to the Binghamton church, then located at 131 Front Street, in 1942, following his retirement as pastor of St. Paul's Universalist Church in Chicago.

He agreed to serve as pastor of the local church during the war period when there was a scarcity of clergymen. Dr. Brigham was pastor in Binghamton until June, 1947.

During his pastorate, a new organ was installed and Brigham Chapel was dedicated in the Front Street church. The organ is now situated in the congregation's new church, 183 Riverside Drive.

A spokesman said the Binghamton congregation is establishing a memorial fund in Mr. Brigham's name.

A native of Vermont, Dr. Brigham earned a medical degree from Bennett Medical College in Chicago. After practicing medicine for four years, he entered St. Lawrence Theological School at Canton. He was awarded his B.D. and D.D. degrees from St. Lawrence.

Under his pastorates, St. Paul's Universalist in Chicago and All Souls Universalist Church, Brooklyn, were built. Dr. Brigham was pastor of the Chicago church for 26 years.

His wife died several years ago, a local spokesman said.

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