

[Gay, George]

Memorial Service Held for Pastors [sic]

MIDDLEPORT, Aug 16—Memorial Service was held in connection with the Union Service last Sunday for the Rev. George Gay, former pastor of First Universalist Church, Middleport, and the Universalist Church, Ridgeway, whose funeral was held the same day in Cobins, Cal.

Mr. Gay resigned his pastorate a year ago due to ill health and last Christmas journeyed to California to be near his children.

Mr. Gay graduated from Tufts College and Divinity School and began ministry in Massachusetts. Later he served Universalist Churches in Fort Plain and Little Falls.

He became State Superintendent of Universalist Churches in Alabama, later serving in Tennessee and Pennsylvania before coming to Middleport. He edited State Papers of his denomination.

In the community, Mr. Gay was active in all inter-Church work and deepened the fellowship which resulted in Union Lenten Services and Union Summer Services.

His friendly attitude did much for everyone. He was an officer of Cataract Lodge 295 F&AM, also of Middleport Rotary Club. He was a member of Niagara County Ministers' Association and took an active part in its affairs.

During the service the congregation sang hymns that were favorites of Mr. Gay. A moment of silent prayer was observed and the Rev. Leonard Ives [Methodist] spoke of him as a "Happy Soul and Radiant Spirit who carried a lighted candle down into the souls of his people. We thank God that Rev. George Gay came our way. We thank God and take courage."

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