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REV. J. A. JUDGE DEAD; ILL 2 YEARS AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN N.J.

Rev. Joseph A. Judge, minister of the Cortland Universalist church three years from September 1, 1926, died June 29 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Paul L. Petters at Margate City, N.J. The funeral was held July 1 with burial at Rowayton, Conn. He became ill two years ago, resigned his pastorate at Hornell and went to the home of his daughter. A son also survives.

He was born May 6, 1873 at Newark, N.J., and had a wide and varied experience in life. He served six Universalist churches in this state since 1921. He was a forceful speaker from pulpit or platform and always with a bit of humor. It was he who made the pep talk at the opening dinner of the campaign to raise funds to erect the Cortland Free Library which went \$35,000 over the goal.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war where he rose to the rank of captain. In World War I he served as a captain and spent 14 months with his command in northern Italy and served a term as state chaplain of the American Legion. He was always the friend of the unfortunate and his charities were limited only by his means. Mrs. Judge died soon after his return from service in Italy.

He was known everywhere as "Cap" from his army title. His friends were all who knew him; and how he did enjoy a joke, in the pulpit and out. He traveled hundreds of miles with me and was always the best of company. As a preacher, I never heard a better; as a companion, Cap was tops.

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REV. JOSEPH A. JUDGE

The death of the Rev. Joseph A. Judge occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Peters, in Margate City, N.J., on June 29. Mr. Judge had been in poor health for two years, being confined to his bed for the past month. He was in his seventieth year. He is survived by his son, Arthur T. Judge of North Hornell; his daughter, Mrs. Peters; a brother; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Burial was at Rowayton, Conn., in the family plot where Mrs. Judge was buried.

Mr. Judge was a veteran of the World War and the Spanish-American War. He was very active in the Veterans' organizations. He began his career as a Universalist minister in New York state in 1925. Mr. Judge, as a young man, was enrolled in one of the Catholic schools, studying for the priesthood. A course called for a debate on Roman Catholicism versus Protestantism and Mr. Judge was instructed to take the Protestant side of the debate. He went at his proposition so thoroughly that he convinced himself of the validity of the Protestant case with the result that he was soon invited to leave the institution. His entrance into the Protestant and Universalist ministry was the inevitable. His pastorates in Universalist churches of New York State were as follows: Macedon, Oneonta, Cortland, Church of Good Tidings in Brooklyn, Perry and Hornell. He was compelled by ill health to resign from the pastorate of the church in Hornell in October, 1939.

The death of Mrs. Judge, before his entrance into the New York fellowship, compelled him to work alone in his pastorates and it was always a whole-hearted, consecrated, constructive ministry. Mr. Judge was truly a friend to man. His home and heart were always at the side of the road, always open to help. He had countless friends in every community.

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