

[Petty, Charles E.]

The Rev. C. E. Petty Dies at Home of Daughter
Former Pastor of First Universalist Church Here Expires at 67

The Rev. Charles E. Petty, B.A., B.S. Th., and M.A., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie H. Potter, Jr., 173½ West End avenue, this morning at 6:30 o'clock. He was 67 years old.

Death came after an illness of about eight months, following the death of Mrs. Petty last March.

He was born in the village of Rome County in Athens county, O., where he received his earlier education. He qualified as a teacher but continued his studies and was graduated from the old Buchtel College [Universalist], now the University of Akron, O., with a degree of bachelor of arts, in 1896, and later from Tufts College, with degrees of bachelor of systematic theology and master of arts.

He was ordained into the Universalist ministry in 1900 and took his first pastorate at Essex, Mass. He was superintendent of churches and ministers in Pennsylvania for three years before coming to Binghamton in 1921 to take over the pastorate of the First Universalist church.

After spending 10 years at First church, he resigned because of ill health, and moved with Mrs. Petty to Hopbottom, Pa. After her death last March he came to Binghamton to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Potter.

Mr. Petty was a member of the Bingham Ministerial association, St. Mark's Lodge, 1001, F.& A.M., Malta Commandery, 21, Knights Templar, and other Masonic bodies.

Besides Mrs. Potter, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. David Spence of Cleveland, O.; a son, Royal E. Petty, also of Cleveland, O., and a sister, Mrs. John Smith of Chillicothe, O.

The body was taken to the J. F. Rice funeral home at 150 Main street, Johnson City, where the funeral will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. The body will be taken to Rochester Monday morning for cremation in the [Mount] Hope Cemetery crematory and the ashes will be buried later beside Mrs. Potter in the family plot at Hopbottom.

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