

[Towsley, W. Irving]

Rev. W. Irving Towsley, 80, retired Universalist minister who served as pastor of the former Universalist church in this city for two years, died Friday at the home of his son, Frank H. Towsley, at Scarsdale, N.Y.

Mr. Towsley was born in Oswego in 1863, the son of the late Andrew and Samantha Remington Towsley of 59 Ontario street. Following his service as pastor of the Universalist church here, he served in charges at Vermont and Wisconsin. He retired several years ago. St. Joseph's Catholic church now owns and occupies the former Universalist church property on West Second street.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Louise Williams Towsley; two daughters, Mrs. J. Donald Hines, New York city and Miss Alice N. Towsley, Washington, D. C.; two sons, Prentice W. Towsley, Hawthorne, N.Y., and Frank H. Towsley, Scarsdale; and a sister, Mrs. William Howes, Parish.

Funeral was held Saturday in Scarsdale. Committal service will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Page Memorial Chapel, Riverside cemetery, with Rev. H. S. Sizer officiating.

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