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REV. HARRY ELMER PETERS

Two years of heart trouble brought on the death of Rev. Harry Elmer Peters in a hospital in Cortland on November 16. He returned to his work in the pastorate of the church at Floral Park in September, hoping that he could continue but the strength was lacking. With his family he went to the home of his parents in Cortland in the last week of September. Following the order of his physician, he entered the hospital in Cortland, resigned to the fate of three months in bed. There was no real improvement in his condition and he realized this fact. Death occurred early Sunday morning, November 16, in his forty-second year. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Edward C. Downey and Dr. Fred C. Leining on November 18. He is survived by his wife [Angela] and twin daughters [Natalie and Arletta] who are twelve years of age; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry [and Mabel] Peters of Cortland and a sister.

For the past ten years, Mr. Peters was pastor of the Universalist Church in Floral Park. He served this church most successfully, taking up the work in its first stages for it was a new movement on Long Island. By hard and faithful service he saw the society increase in power and numbers. This church was most fortunate in having him as its first minister. In Floral Park he was outstanding as a community leader. Organizations of every type sent floral pieces and letters of sympathy to Mrs. Peters. A mass was conducted in the Roman Catholic Church in his memory. He was a former president of the Universalist Sunday School Association and of the Metropolitan Sunday School Association. He was a member of the Liberal Ministers' Club of New York City and the Nassau Ministerial Association.

He began his ministry in the Universalist Church in Brockton, Mass., in 1924, serving seven years. He was graduated from the Theological School of St. Lawrence University in 1924 and from the College of Letters and Science in 1922. Mrs. Peters was graduated from the St. Lawrence University in 1916 and was a teacher in the high school and normal school in Cortland, previous to her marriage in 1925.

Dr. Ellsworth C. Reamon and John D. Bush were among the bearers. Sixteen parishioners from Floral Park attended the service.

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