

[Eldridge, Charles H.]

Former City Resident, Executive Secretary of Sigma Chi, Dies at 74

Charles H. Eldridge, former resident of this city, executive secretary of the Sigma Chi fraternity and composer of many Sigma Chi songs, died at his home in Chicago Thursday, June 9, at the age of 74.

Burial will be in Schenectady tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Baxter funeral parlors. The parlors will be open tonight from 7 to 9 o'clock. A brief service will be held by the fraternity members at the grave.

Funeral services for Mr. Eldridge were held Sunday afternoon in the chapel at 5203 Lake Park avenue. Dr. L. Ward Brigham [Universalist] officiated and Dr. Henry McLeod, prominent member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, spoke in tribute.

Mr. Eldridge, a founder of the Union College chapter, and active in fraternity affairs since he received his pin 53 years ago, wrote "My Name is Sigma Chi, Sir" and "Glorious Sigma Chi," in addition to many other songs. Contemporaries in his chapter at Purdue University, where he was a member of the class of 1885, included George Ade, Booth Tarkington and John T. McCutcheon.

Survivors are his widow and three sons, Rollin, Richard, and Harold. Harold is a resident of this city.

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