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Rev. Lewis H. Robinson

The Rev. Lewis H. Robinson of Albion, aged 76, died at the Hazard Nursing Home in Albion on Sunday, Aug. 23, 1953, after an illness of 13 years. He was pastor of the Clarendon Universalist Church for two periods, and also served the Clarendon Church for several years while he was pastor of the Pullman Memorial Church in Albion.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson was graduated from St. Lawrence University and was ordained a Universalist minister in 1901 in Dolgeville, where he held his first pastorate. In 1902 he came to Clarendon and remained for five years, and a few years later he returned to Clarendon for another three years. He also held pastorates in Richfield Springs and Herkimer. In 1921 he became pastor of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion and continued there until he resigned in 1940 because of ill health. For several years during his Albion pastorate he also served the Clarendon church.

He was a past master of Renovation Lodge, F & A M; Orleans Chapter, RAM; and Albion Lodge, IOOF. He formerly was a member of the Lions Club and the Red Cross, and once served as secretary of the Orleans County Fair Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Fisk Robinson; two sons, Lawrence of Albion and Robert of Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Jewell Hankins of Asbury Park, N.J.; a granddaughter, and a niece and two nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Universalist Church, Albion, at 2:30 p.m. yesterday, (Wednesday), and interment was made at Mt. Albion Cemetery. A Masonic service was held Tuesday evening.

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Rev. Lewis H. Robinson 1877-1953  
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Rev. Lewis H. Robinson was born at Blakes Mills, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. in 1877. He attended the district school there and worked for his father in a sawmill after school hours and during the summer. His secondary education was received at Nicholasville, also in St. Lawrence County. He next attended the Normal School at Potsdam for three years, but did not graduate because of a very serious attack of typhoid fever which completely used up all the funds he had saved for educational purposes.

After his recovery, through the advice of two very close friends, he went to Canton University and studied for the ministry. He entered the Theological School there in 1897 and graduated in 1900. He immediately went to Dolgeville, N.Y. where he preached for two years. In August 1901 he married Miss Alice Fiske.

In 1902 they moved to Clarendon, where he preached at the Universalist Church for five years. It was during his pastorate in Clarendon that two children, Lawrence and Bessie, were born. In 1907 the Robinsons moved to Canada, where he worked for his father for two years, afterwards moving to Tupper Lake for two years. While at Tupper Lake a third child was born to live for only five months. In 1910 Rev. Robinson was called back to Clarendon where he ministered until 1912. From Clarendon he was called to the pastorate of the Universalist church at Richfield Springs and Schuyler Lake where he served for three years. It was during this time that a son Robert was born.

In 1915 he accepted the pastorate of the Universalist Church in Herkimer where he served three years after which he returned to Nicholasville where he taught district school for a short time while taking care of elderly parents through their ailing years. He then returned to the Herkimer church to preach for around two years.

On Sept. 1, 1921, Robinson began his pastorate in the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church of Albion. It was there that he preached continuously until March 1, 1941, when he resigned on account of ill health. He was considered "an outstanding figure in the community, a worker in every cause for righteousness and withal, one of the most popular preachers Albion has ever had. The people of the church exceedingly regret that his health has failed to the point where he is forced to resign, and his resignation was accepted with deep regret."

Rev. Robinson was a member and Past Master of renovation Lodge No. 97, Orleans Chapter R.A.M., and the IOOF Lodge. He was also a member of the Lions Club, served as chairman of the Albion Red Cross and was secretary of the Orleans County Fair Association.

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