

[Wright, Harry M.]

Rites Tuesday for Rev. Harry Wright, Longtime Area Pastor

Bristol Center—Rev. Harry M. Wright, 84, well known and well liked pastor in this area for 25 years, died at his home near this community Friday morning after a considerable period of failing health. At the time of his death he was pastor emeritus of the Bristol Universalist church.

A funeral service was held in the church which he knew so well and which he had helped to keep strong Tuesday afternoon with a large group of the people whom he had served and who had known him in attendance.

Rev. Dr. Harrison H. [should be Ellsworth C.] Reamon, pastor of Betts Memorial church in Syracuse and Rev. Hardy Lumb [a Presbyterian], who has been serving the Bristol church, officiated. Burial was made in LeRoy where Mr. Wright spent part of his boyhood.

He was born in Hillsdale, Michigan, Aug. 6, 1872 but spent most of his long life in New York state. He was the son of Samuel and Cora Bannister Wright and came with his parents as a small boy into Chautauqua County. He was educated for the ministry at St. Lawrence University, graduating with the class of 1897. His education was interrupted for two years because of eye trouble and during this period he served a church in Springville, Erie County.

In all he had 14 pastorates. He came to Bristol Universalist church as pastor in the fall of 1931, succeeding Rev. George Campbell. He served until his retirement in 1946 when the Rev. Robert Dick became pastor. In that year he and Mrs. Wright purchased a home at Bristol Center. He continued as a supply pastor in area churches until a year ago when his health failed.

Rev. Mr. Wright was twice married. His first wife, the former Miss Victoria Terry, died in 1943. His second wife is Mrs. Marian Bliss Wright whom he married in May, 1944.

He is survived by his wife; son, Fordyce J. Wright, Sandusky, O.; three step-daughters, Mrs. Charles Cook and Mrs. Robert Appleton, both Holcomb; a step-son, Ralph Bliss, Bristol Center.

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