

[Yantis, Arnold S.]

REV. A. S. YANTIS, FORMER PASTOR HERE, SUUCUMBS  
Once Minister of First Universalist Church,  
Popular Fraternalist, Dies at Rutland, Vt. Hospital

Word was received here today of the death last evening at Rutland, Vt., of Rev. Arnold S. Yantis, former well known Auburnian. For 14 years prior to the fall of 1915, Mr. Yantis was pastor of the First Universalist Church in this city. He was a past chaplain of Auburn Lodge of Elks in which organization he held a life membership. Tribute to his memory will be paid by Auburn Lodge of Elks at their meeting tomorrow evening.

Nine weeks ago Mr. Yantis entered Rutland Hospital for a major operation from which he failed to rally. For the past six years, he had been pastor of St. Paul's Universalist Church in Rutland. A native of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Mr. Yantis was first educated for the legal profession and practiced in Washington, D.C. Upon entering the ministry, his first pastorate was in Brooklyn, N.Y., where for five years he was pastor of the Church of Good Tidings, Universalist [Fifth Universalist].

After serving for a time in Fort Plain, he accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Universalist Church in this city, where he remained for 14 years. From Auburn he went to the First Universalist Church at Manchester, N.H., where he was pastor for 10 years. In the fall of 1925, he became pastor of St. Paul's Church at Rutland.

He is survived by his wife [Matilda Frisby Yantis] and four sisters. The funeral will be held at St. Paul's Universalist Church, Rutland, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. [Charles] H. Pennoyer, state superintendent of Universalist churches, will officiate. Burial will be at Harper's Ferry.

Mr. Yantis was a visitor to Auburn last Summer, renewing many acquaintances. He inspected the new home of Auburn Lodge of Elks and was highly pleased at its accomplishment. At that time, he also expressed sadness at the passing away of many prominent members of the lodge. Mr. Yantis was also a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Manchester Kiwanis Club.

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