

[Cartwright, Ruth Margaret Pierce]

RUTH M. CARTWRIGHT, Churchwoman, Dies at 68

Mrs. Ruth Margaret Cartwright, wife of Rochester Postmaster Louis B. Cartwright and a leading churchwoman, died at her home, 141 Brookwood Road, Brighton, yesterday (Sept. 30, 1960), after an 18 month illness. She was 68. Her husband also served as Rochester city manager from 1940 to 1953 when he resigned to become postmaster. Mrs. Cartwright was born on June 21, 1892 in Canandaigua, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce. Her father was manager of Brigham Hall farm. She was married in her parents' home there on her birthday in 1922. Mrs. Cartwright was active in local civic and church affairs. She was responsible for all Red Cross activities in the 19th ward as chairman of the ward unit of the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter. She also was a charter member of the Women of Rotary, a member of the Friends of Rochester Public Library and a past secretary and past vice-president of the Woman's Council of the Rochester Museum Association. Mrs. Cartwright was a member of the board of trustees, member of the board of stewards and president of the Association of Universalist Woman, Rochester Chapter, of the First Universalist Church of Rochester. She also served on the national board of the Association of Universalist Woman from 1945-1949. She was especially interested in the international church extension committee, and was given an honorary life membership in the association at the 1953 Assembly of the Universalist Church of America. Mrs. Cartwright was the vice-president of the New York State Woman's Universalist Association from 1952-53. Through her interest in international service, she sponsored and provided a home for six years for Aiko Onishi, a Universalist girl from Japan. During that time Miss Aiko was graduated from the Eastman School of Music and received an artists diploma in piano. She returned to Tokyo in 1956 and is now teaching and giving concert piano performances. Another of Mrs. Cartwright's interests was the Clara Barton Camp for diabetic children maintained by the Association of Universalist Woman at the birthplace of Miss Barton, at Oxford, Mass. The women of the Rochester church will present an organ to the camp in Mrs. Cartwright's memory. Besides her husband, Mrs. Cartwright is survived by two daughters, Miss Eleanor L. Cartwright and Mrs. George E. Croop, both of Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Earl F. Case of Rochester, Mrs. George Conyne of Canandaigua and Mrs. William Davis of Geneva; her brother, Irmin L. Pierce of Canandaigua; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 2 P. M. on Monday at the First Universalist Church. Friends may contribute to the Radiation Therapy fund of Strong Memorial Hospital or the Memorial Fund of the First Universalist Church.

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