

[Clemson, Elizabeth Dow]

MRS. GEORGE N. CLEMSON

Mrs. Elizabeth Dow Clemson died at her home in Middletown on November 6 in her eight-ninth year. Her husband, George N. Clemson, was the founder of Clemson Brothers, hacksaw manufacturers, dying in 1930. Mrs. Clemson was stricken in her garden while she was picking flowers for her family and Horton Hospital. Death came in two days. The Japanese Garden in Clemson Park was originally the gift of Mr. Clemson, soon after the first World War, and has been maintained by Mrs. Clemson with all its fame for rare blooms and plants.

Mrs. Clemson devoted herself to charitable endeavor with particular interest in young people. Her interest included the Girl Scouts, the Southern Institute at Camp Hill, Alabama, St. Lawrence University and other institutions. For many years she provided funds for the education of young people in college and was always interested in their subsequent careers. She was a life member of the Universalist church and an honorary member of the Board of Trustees. Her gift of \$600.00 in July made it possible to repair the organ. She is survived by a son, Richard D. Clemson, and two daughters, Mrs. William E. Cross and Mrs. Walter R. Batcheller, all of Middletown; three granddaughters and several great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. I. J. Domas, pastor of Christ Church Universalist.

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