

[Day, Leah A.]

DR. LEAH DAY, 61, LOCAL EDUCATOR, DIES IN HOMER

Dr. Leah A. Day, well known educator, died Sunday afternoon at the Home for Aged Women, Homer, after a long illness. She was a life resident of Cortland.

Dr. Day taught in public schools of Cortland and McGraw, and the State Normal School at Mansfield, Pa., and at Cortland State Normal School. At the latter post, she was head of the Kindergarten from 1924 until, because of ill health, she retired from active teaching in 1941.

Her education started in Cortland Public Schools. She was graduated from Cortland High School and Cortland Normal School. Dr. Day received her B.S. Degree from Cornell University, her M.A. degree from Columbia University Teachers College, and her Ph.D. Degree from Syracuse University.

Extensive travel in the interest of the National Organization of American Childhood Education increased Dr. Day's contributions to education across the U.S., in addition to her teaching activities.

Born May 18, 1890 in Cortland, she was the daughter of Carroll L. and Esther Cleveland Day.

Dr. Day was actively associated with the following religious, education and other groups as long as her health permitted. She was a member of the Universalist Church, Cortlandville Grange, DAR, New York State Teachers Association, National Education Association, The New York State Kindergarten Association, Clionian sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary sorority, Cornell Women's Club and the Ladies' Literary Society.

Among her survivors are three cousins, Mrs. Irving H. Selden of North Tonawanda, N.Y, Miss Esther Cleveland of Binghamton and Mrs. Clair Guild of St. Joseph, Mich.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Beard Memorial Home. Rev. Kenneth Babcock, pastor of the Universalist Church, will officiate. Friends may call at the memorial home Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

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