

[Lewis, Cora Underhill]

MRS. CORA U. LEWIS DIES OF BURNS

Mrs. Cora Underhill Lewis¹ of 147 Driving Park avenue is dead, and her sister, Miss Ida Underhill, is fatally burned, as the result of an accident in their home Monday morning. Mrs. Lewis, an invalid for some months, reached to turn out a gas heater in the bathroom of her home. In some way the flame ignited her clothing with fatal results. Miss Underhill was severely burned in trying to save her sister. Both were rushed to the Park Avenue Hospital where Mrs. Lewis died. At the present writing little hope is held for Miss Underhill. This dreadful tragedy casts a pall of gloom over our entire people, as the Underhill sisters have been ardent and faithful workers among us all their lives.

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THE UNDERHILL SISTERS

We write that headline in a reverential spirit. For it was as the Underhill sisters that we knew and loved Mrs. Cora Lewis and Miss Ida Underhill. On Christmas Eve our carolers called at the pleasant little home on Driving Park avenue and sang for Mrs. Lewis who had been an invalid for many months. Just one week later many of the same carolers, with a host of friends and members of our church, paid the last earthly respects to these two devoted women who died and were buried as they had lived—together.

Devotion is one word that defines the lives of Mrs. Lewis and Miss Underhill. Devotion to their own friends; devotion in days past to their parents and to an invalid sister; devotion to their church, and a beautiful devotion to each other. In the swift hour of tragedy, the one flew to the other for help, and the one appealed to gave her life in an attempt to save her beloved sister. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lays down his life for his friends."

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¹ According to the records of Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester, Cora "Caroline" Lewis died on Dec. 31, 1925, the same day as her sister.

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