

[MacPhee, Zona Nickerson]

Services to be Held Here for Mrs. Zona McPhee¹

Funeral services will be held at the Lawrence Funeral home here this afternoon at two o'clock for Mrs. Zona Nickerson McPhee, widow of William A. McPhee and a lifelong resident of Canton. Dr. Edson R. Miles, professor emeritus of the Theological school and for many years a member of the faculty of the College of Letters and Science at St. Lawrence university, will conduct the services. Burial will be made in Evergreen cemetery, Canton.

Although in failing health for some time, Mrs. McPhee's death was unexpected. She was taken seriously ill on Sunday morning; failing to improve, she passed away at her Judson street home early Tuesday morning.

Mrs. McPhee was born in Canton on October 1, 1874, the daughter of Myron and Harriett Barber Nickerson. She attended Canton schools and later taught in the Canton school system.

On January 3, 1900, she was married to Dr. William A. McPhee at the First Universalist church of Canton by the Rev. J. [James] M. Payson. Following his marriage, Dr. McPhee, an optometrist who had been connected with the jewelry store of N. L. Heaton, opened a jewelry store and continued his practice of optometry in the building now owned by Richard C. Peggs. Dr. McPhee also served as mayor of Canton 35 years ago.

Following their marriage, Dr. and Mrs. McPhee moved into the residence at 10 Judson street, where they lived until Mr. McPhee's death in 1942. Mrs. McPhee continued to make her home at the same address and operated the jewelry store until it was sold to Mr. Peggs in 194[4?]. In recent years Mrs. McPhee operated a florist shop at her home.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Amaranth, and the Universalist church. On May 1, 1945, she was elected president of the Association of Universalist Women and served as head of that organization for one year. She was also a member of the D.A.R. chapter at Ogdensburg. One of the earliest women drivers in this area, Mrs. McPhee was the first woman to receive an operator's license in St. Lawrence county.

She is survived by one son, Dr. Halsey M. McPhee [MacPhee], head of the department of psychology at the University of Delaware at Newark, Delaware.

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¹ On the family monument her surname is spelled MacPhee.