

[Porter, Charlotte Van Dekar]

CHARLOTTE PORTER DIES AT AGE OF 97  
Was an Ordained Minister of the Universalist Church.  
(*Special to The Eagle*)

Jamaica, L. I., March 5—The Rev. Charlotte Porter, 97 years of age, the oldest person in the Chapin Home, died on Saturday afternoon in the home while its golden jubilee was in progress. She had been an invalid for some time and her death had been expected for several days. Death came to her in her room. She had been in the home since 1906, and exerted a benificent influence on every one who came in contact with her because of her quiet, lovable ways.

Three clergymen, representing three separate denominations, took part in the funeral services today. They were the Rev. Cephus B. Lynn, of the Chapin House, Universalists; the Rev. Andrew Magill, of the Jamaica Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. William B. Eddy of Grace Episcopal Church, Manhattan.

A son of Mrs. Porter, the Rev. George J. Porter, of the Universalist Church at Macedon, N.Y., took charge of the body and it was taken to Brooklyn, Pa., where she formerly lived, and where there will be services tomorrow and interment in the family plot.

Mrs. Porter is survived by her son and a sister, Mrs. W. L. Kent, of Coudersport, Pa.; three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Porter was born in Albany County, N.Y., in February 1826. Her maiden name was Van Dekar, and she came of old Dutch stock running back to the earliest days of New York City when the Van Dekars were among the original settlers.

Her parents moved to Albany County before she was born, and when she was a child she was taken to Orleans County and grew up there. Seventy-five years ago she married the Rev. L. [Lafayette] F. Porter, famous as a Universalist preacher. She was admitted to the ministry at Nicholson, N.Y. after her marriage, and she and her husband worked together. He died in 1895.

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