

[Rathbun Maria Warner]

Beloved Woman Expires After Brief Illness

A life rich in charitable deeds was brought to a close early today when Maria W. Rathbun, widow of the late Edward Rathbun passed from life at her home, 1421 Howard avenue in her 83rd year. Mrs. Rathbun had been ailing for the past two weeks but had previously been in good health.

Mrs. Rathbun was born in the town of Verona, daughter of the late Amos and Polly Parmlee Warner, 83 years ago last September. She received her education in the town of her birth and later attended an academy at Oneida. She was married about 60 years ago to Mr. Rathbun and for a time resided at Springfield, Mass. Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Rathbun returned to Verona, moving to Utica when her two children reached school age. Mrs. Rathbun had been a resident of Utica since [1891?] and made her home on Howard avenue or Eagle street during the entire period of years.

She attended the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation and for many years was an active member of the Board of Managers of the Old Ladies Home. Mrs. Rathbun was an ardent charity worker, always working in a quiet unassuming way and doing much to brighten the lives of others less fortunate than herself.

Mrs. Rathbun leaves two sons, George J., of Easton, Pa., and Edward Rathbun of Toledo, Ohio. She was the last of a family of ten children.

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