

[Read, Burton L.]

BURTON READ, ECONOMIST, CLASSMATE OF F.D.R., DIES

Burton L. Read of 1114 Ocean Ave., who was a classmate of President Franklin D. Roosevelt at Harvard University, and whose wife, Mrs. Gerda Read, has been a deaconess at All Souls Universalist Church since 1938, died yesterday.

Mr. Read was born in Swanzey, N.H., in 1880. At Harvard he majored in economics and the classics. Following his graduation in 1904 he became an economist for a number of firms. At the time of his death he had been associated with The American Banker, 32 Stone St., Manhattan, for a decade. He was noted also for his public readings from Shakespeare.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Read is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Doris G. Hayes of Greeley, Colo., Mrs. Constance M. Schwadron of Brooklyn and Mrs. Priscilla Chenoweth of Long Island City.

Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow in All Souls Universalist Church, Ocean and Ditmas Aves. Services will also be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Fresh Pond Crematory.

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