

[Rutter, Mary E. Hopkins]

MRS. RUTTER DIES; CONTRIBUTOR TO MANY CHARITIES

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. H. Rutter, about 70, 1405 Genesee, who died unexpectedly in her home yesterday, will be held there at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Rutter, native Utican and contributor to many charities, had been in apparent good health. She complained of indigestion yesterday and had breakfast served in her room. Later she made several telephone calls. About noon she was observed lying on a couch. A servant tried unsuccessfully to arouse her and Dr. R. I. Baker was called. He pronounced her dead from acute dilation of the heart.

Mrs. Rutter, tall, blue-eyed, majestic in carriage, had been active during the winter here in patronizing concerts, attending functions held by the Women's Republican Club, and in endorsing the Stephens Swan Humane Society's work. Within the month she had been in New York.

She was born here, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hopkins, and had lived here all her life. She was a niece of the late Richard S. Reynolds and George A. Reynolds, who for many years conducted a shoe factory.

Mrs. Rutter had records of the career of one of her uncles in the West. He was in partnership with Butterfield, another Utican, in conducting a pony express and was a friend of William ["Buffalo Bill"] Cody, Buffalo.

She was married to William Rutter, who died many years ago. Her son, Frederick B. Rutter, a veteran of the World War, was injured fatally in 1932 in an automobile accident at the foot of Deerfield Hill. Although Mrs. Rutter visited in Barneveld and point north, and was a summer resident in the Adirondacks, she never drove over Deerfield Hill after that.

Her summer home, Log Cabin Lodge, Rondaxe Lake, had been her son's game sanctuary. She kept it that way and regarded it as a shrine to his memory. She entertained extensively and many evenings in her home were spent viewing motion pictures of the lodge, of deer on the estate, of birds and wild life abounding there.

Mrs. Rutter had long been interested in charitable work and was particularly active as a director of the Stevens Swan Humane Society. She had instituted a fund by which the society could shelter homeless dogs or those injured and in need of hospitalization. Frequently, a dog owned by a child, which had been picked up by the dog catcher for lacking a tag, would be restored to its young owner through her generosity. She provided licenses for many dogs whose owners were financially unable to do so.

She was a member of the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist], and was active in the work of the local hospitals. A generous contributor to various charitable organizations, she always preferred to give aid quietly. One of these organizations was the Salvation Army.

No near relatives survive.

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