

[Walker, Alice N. Turner]

Mrs. Irving L. Walker, former director of the Council of Church Women, now Church Women United, died yesterday (Sept. 5, 1968) in Berkeley, Calif. She was 85.

"Here is truly one of Rochester's greatest humanitarians," a friend once observed. She was affiliated with the Council for 35 years, retiring in 1960.

Mrs. Walker helped organized the Visiting Nurse Service, the Medical Motor Service, the Christmas Bureau, and the Department of Volunteers of the Council of Social Agencies. She also served on committees of the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County.

She was active in clubs for the aging which she helped establish through the Interfaith Recreation Committee for the Aging. She helped youth through the Rochester Youth Protection and Recreation Committee. She served as a trustee for the St. Lawrence University Divinity School, Canton, N.Y., for 10 years.

Mrs. Walker was affiliated with the Universalist denomination and had served as president of the state and national associations of Universalist Women. She was a former steward and trustee of the First Universalist Church here.

In 1958, Mrs. Walker was awarded the Helen Stone Jones Memorial Fund citation in recognition of her contribution to community welfare. In 1954, she was one of eight Rochesterians honored for civic and cultural contributions by the Baptist Temple.

Mrs. Walker had been ill for about two years. She died in the Orinda Convalescent Hospital, Orinda, Calif. She resided at 1820 Spruce St., Berkeley, where she moved after her retirement from the council here.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1882 in Clifton Springs and attended school there. She moved to Rochester and married Dr. Irving K. [L.] Walker on July 14, 1907. He died in 1938 [on Feb. 18].

While in California, Mrs. Walker was involved in ecumenical work with the Japanese International Christian University in Tokyo and was a member of the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

She is survived by a son, Leander H. Walker, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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