

[Milford, Sylvia Chapman]

MRS. MILFORD DIES IN HER 86TH YEAR; HER COURAGE EPIC

Mrs. Sylvia Chapman Milford, wife of Charles R. Milford, Sr., prominent Skaneateles attorney and former public official, died peacefully at the family residence, 47 Jordan St., last Thursday, Dec. 11, 1947, after a short illness of pneumonia. She was 86 years of age.

Though in failing health for some time, Mrs. Milford's determination and will to live in spite of her advanced years and many setbacks were attributes of courage and stamina to cause friends to marvel and physicians to shake their heads.

On Jan. 24, 1882, she married Charles R. Milford of Skaneateles, to whom eight children were born, five of whom survive. The couple each year celebrated their wedding anniversaries, the occasion being one for family reunions. The last celebrated was last Jan. 24 when they observed their 65th.

Mrs. Milford, a member of the Universalist Church of Auburn, also attended the First Methodist Church here with her husband and family.

She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary of which she was an enthusiastic member, and was a member of the Skaneateles Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, partner in the law firm of Milford & Major; four sons, Charles R. Milford Jr., Surrogate of Onondaga County, and Earl R. Milford, both of Skaneateles, and G. Roscoe and Ivan J. Milford of Red Bluff, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Ernest C. Brice, Sr., of Skaneateles; one brother, Uriah Chapman; eight grandchildren, Robert S. Milford, Skaneateles. and Dr. Charles R. Milford III, now in China, Charles Weeks, Mrs. Helen Ionta, all of Skaneateles, Jack M. and Leslie M. Tenyck, of Calif., and Mrs. Robert B. Collins of Syracuse, and eight great-grandchildren.

Members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary officials and others paid their respects, calling at the family home.

The floral tributes about the bier were profuse, attesting to the esteem in which she was held.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. last Monday from the late residence, 47 Jordan St., with the Rev. Earl Engle, pastor of the Universalist Church of Auburn, assisted by the Rev. Howard H. Bules, officiated.

Bearers were Robert Milford, Ernest Brice, Jr., Dr. Robert Collins, James Chapman, Sylvester Ionia and Charles Weeks, all relatives.

Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

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