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MRS. WALLACE M. POWERS, ACTIVE IN UNIVERSALIST GROUPS

Mrs. Sarah Merriman Powers of 3728 80th St., Jackson Heights, a past president of the Metropolitan Alliance of Universalist Women in Boston and New York, died Friday in Horace Harding Hospital, Elmhurst.

Mrs. Powers, the wife of Wallace M. Powers, a copy editor for the New York Times, was a member of the women's societies of the Universalist Church of the Divine Paternity, Central Park West and 76th St., and the board of trustees of the Chapin Home for the Aged in Jamaica.

She and Mr. Powers were married in 1910 on the afternoon of the day she was graduated from Leland Powers School of the Theater in Boston.

From 1921 to 1937 Mrs. Powers directed and acted in plays for the Friends of the Drama, a little theater group in Arlington, Mass., and took an active part in Universalist Church affairs.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Susan Powers Brown of Jackson Heights and Mrs. Gordon S. Light of Silver Spring, Md.; a brother, Alden D. Merriman of Brunswick, Me., and two granddaughters.

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Mrs. Sarah Merriam Powers, Jackson Heights, Queens, a past president of the Metropolitan Alliance of Universalist Women, both in Boston and New York, and wife of Wallace M. Powers, a copy editor of the national desk of the New York Times, died at Horace Harding Hospital, Elmhurst, on November 13. Mrs. Powers was an active Universalist woman in the women's societies of our Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist] in New York, and a member of the board of trustees of the Chapin Home in Jamaica.

She was born in Maine and spent her early years in that state. In 1910 she was graduated from the Leland Powers School of the Theater in Boston. Later she came to New York and taught expression and voice. From 1921 to 1937, while living in Arlington, Mass., she acted in and directed plays for the little theater group, The Friends of Drama, and was active in Universalist Church affairs. Mrs. Powers is survived by two daughters also, Mrs. Susan Powers Brown, Jackson Heights, and Mrs. Gordon S. Light of Silver Springs, Md., two granddaughters, and a brother, Alden D. Merriman of Brunswick. The funeral service was held in the Church of the Divine Paternity with Dr. Benjamin B. Hersey officiating. Rev. Sheldon Christian conducted the service in Brunswick, Maine.

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