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MRS. RUTH M. HARDER

Services will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. for Mrs. Ruth M. Harder, 76, of A.D. 1, Waterloo Road, Stanhope, wife of the Rev. Charles P. Harder, visitation minister of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown, who died on Monday, November 13, 1972, in Newton Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient for eight days.

Officiating at Trinity Church will be Dr. Lowell M. Atkinson, minister, and Dr. John A. Mc-

Elroy, district superintendent. Interment will be at Mellenville Cemetery, in Mellenville, N.Y. Arrangements were made by the Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown.

Born August 11, 1896, at Jersey Shore, Pa., Mrs. Harder was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Riggie Mitschke. A retired elementary school teacher, she and her husband moved here six years ago from Milton. Mrs. Harder was graduated from Lock Haven State College in Lock Haven, Pa., and attended Drew University in Madison.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Philip of Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Billaw of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Willard Mitschke of Williamsport, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Miriam Dougherty of Cornwall, Pa., and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the Warren County Chapter of the American Cancer Society or to Trinity Methodist Church.

Services were held for the Rev. Charles P. Harder, 91, of Hackettstown, who died July 9 at the House of the Good Shepherd of Hackettstown after a long illness. He was a retired minister of the United Methodist Church.

He was born in Philmont, N.Y. and attended Cornell University and Drew University. He was a member of the Drew University Alumni Association.

Most of Mr. Harder's ministry was in the New York Conference of the Methodist Church. Churches he served in New York State include Stone Ridge, Kenoza Lake, Grand Gorge, Highland Falls, Bloomsville, Greenville, Napanoch, Pine Plains, Pawling, Otisville and Woodycrest United Methodist Church in The Bronx. Before retiring in 1966, he was transferred to the Northern New Jersey Conference and was the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Milton.

Following his retirement, Mr. Harder and his wife resided in Saxton Falls, and he was the supply pastor of the United Methodist Church in Waterloo Village. Later he was minister of visitation at Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown.

For the past 14 years, he has lived in the House of the Good Shepherd, Hackettstown. He was a member of the Hackettstown Historical Society.

His wife, the former Ruth Mitschke, died in 1972.

He is survived by one son, Philip Harder of Wayne; one daughter, Elizabeth Serna of Albuquerque, N.M.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Trinity United Methodist Church or to the House of the Good Shepherd, 798 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

The Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown was in charge of arrangements.

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