

Mrs. James W. Martyn Dies; Long Leader In Church Life

Mrs. Leonora Stephens Martyn, long an active worker in affairs of the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown, and other community organizations, died yesterday morning, Sept. 29, 1943, at the Memorial Hospital in Morristown, where she had been a patient for the past five weeks. She passed her 75th birthday last Thursday.

Mrs. Martyn was a daughter of the late Samuel E. and Catherine Ayers Stephens and was born near Waterloo on Sept. 23, 1868. She was graduated from Hackettstown High School in 1885 and then attended Centenary Collegiate Institute in Hackettstown and Welsley Preparatory School in Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia she met Dr. George Willis Titman, to whom she was married in October, 1889. The couple resided at Mt. Airy, Pa., for 11 years, returning to Hackettstown in 1897. Dr. Titman died on Jan. 29, 1902.

Mrs. Titman was married again on Feb. 12, 1913, to the Rev. James Wright Martyn, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church. They resided in the manse until May 9, 1931, after Dr. Martyn's retirement, when they moved to 113 Mountain Avenue. Dr. Martyn died on Sept. 10, 1938.

At the time of her death Mrs. Martyn was president of the Women's Missionary Society and was a member of the Pastor's Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Hackettstown Woman's Club and Garden Club and was chaplain of Peggy Warne Chapter, D. A. R.

Surviving her are two children, Willis Stephens Titman of Hackettstown, and Mrs. Ralph B. Welsh of Summit; two step-children, Lt. Hamill D. Martyn of Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Robert Detwiler of Wyncote, Pa., and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Frederick C. Mooney, who was a classmate of Mrs. Martyn at C. C. I. Burlal will be in the Union Cemetery.

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