

AC 11-30-70

Funeral Held For Mrs. Coe Manatt— Gave Property For Brooklyn Library

Services for Mrs. Nellie Jones Manatt, 86, longtime Brooklyn resident and benefactress of the Brooklyn Public Library, were held Sat., Oct. 3, in Grace United Methodist Church. Mrs. Manatt died suddenly Wednesday evening, Sept. 30, in Des Moines.

Mrs. Manatt, who had moved from Brooklyn to make her home in Wesley Acres in Des Moines in 1963, was the widow of Coe H. Manatt, son of a pioneer Brooklyn family, who preceded her in death in 1962. The Brooklyn Public Library, given to the city in 1963 by Mrs. Manatt, had been the Manatt family home for a century.

Well-known in the Brooklyn area as a musician, Mrs. Manatt served as organist of Grace Church in Brooklyn for almost 50 years. She also served as choir director for most of that time. She helped many Brooklyn children with their music and inspired many young persons to continue their music studies in college and in later life.

Even after moving to Des Moines she kept her membership in Brooklyn's Grace church. In 1903 she joined Chapter A. K. of the P.E.O. in Brooklyn, transferring her membership to Chapter H. D. in Des Moines.

After her move to Des Moines she became a member of the board of Wesley Acres. She served as organist for chapel services there and devoted much time to music activities.

Born near Gowrie, Iowa on April 11, 1884, she was the daughter of Ioan and Alinna McDermott Jones. Her family moved to Brooklyn in 1896. She was graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1900, became bookkeeper for her father's grocery and dry goods store in Brooklyn, and was married to Coe H. Manatt on Sept. 11, 1906.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister, Mrs. Bessie Korn, and a brother, Erwin W. Jones.

Closest surviving relatives are her sister-in-law, Mrs. Della E. Jones of Des Moines; a nephew, Don O. Jones and family of Des Moines; a niece Mrs. Robert L. Stuhr, the former Ruth Jones, and family of Wilmette, Ill.; a nephew, Richard C. Manatt and family of Arlington Heights, Ill.; and a niece, Mrs. Frederic Ten Eyck and family of Austin, Minn.

Officiating at the funeral services were the Rev. Arthur Eveland, minister, Grace United Methodist church, and the Rev. George Dimmit, administrator of Wesley Acres

4130170
Retirement Home in Des Moines. Services in Des Moines were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home with the Rev. Mr. Dimmit officiating. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Brooklyn.

Pallbearers were: Warren Carpenter, Floyd McAllister, Maynard McLain, Edwin Montgomery, Clarence Schwiebert, and Walter Wagner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ministry of music, Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

Monday, October 5, 1970

Last Rites Said For Nellie Manatt

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Grace Methodist Church in Brooklyn for Mrs. Nellie M. Manatt, 86, of Des Moines who died Wednesday after suffering a stroke.

Earlier services had been held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home in Des Moines.

Burial was made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Manatt was born in Calhoun County, Iowa, and had lived in Brooklyn until seven years ago when she moved to Des Moines. She was a member of Chapter HD of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Memorials in Mrs. Manatt's name may be made to the minister of music at Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.