

# Lilith Farlow Services <sup>July 28 1966</sup> Will Be Held Wednesday

Services for Miss Lilith Farlow, 79, retired Kokomo teacher who died Sunday in Richmond, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Fenn Funeral Home.

The Rev. Walter McAdams, pastor of the Union Street Friends Church, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Norman Young, former pastor of the Church. Burial will be at New London.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Miss Farlow, one of the best known teachers in the Kokomo school system, died at 3:30 p.m. in Reid Memorial Hospital. She suffered a heart attack Monday, June 20, and was admitted to the hospital that evening.

For several months she had been a resident of the Friends Fellowship Community in Richmond.

She was a native of Monroe Township, where she was born Sept. 10, 1886, the daughter of Lindley and Mary Peacock Farlow. She was graduated from the New London schools and in 1910 received her degree from Earlham College. She did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

Before coming to Kokomo High School in 1916, she taught at Plainfield, West Middleton and Plevna. She retired at the end of the 1955-56 school year, having completed 40 years in the Kokomo school system and approximately 43 years altogether as a teacher.

At Kokomo High School she taught English and public speaking. Teaching, and a long and devoted service in the Friends Church were her principal interests.

She taught in the Union Street Friends Sunday School for more than 40 years, and was a key figure in the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends at Plainfield. As a reading clerk at



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the Western Yearly Meeting, she rarely missed its meetings.

Miss Farlow was chairman of the Western Yearly Friends Centennial celebration in 1958, and as a member of the board of trustees of Earlham College was chairman of that board's inaugural committee in charge of the installation of Dr. Thomas E. Jones as president of Earlham in 1946. She served as a trustee of the college from 1941 to 1948.

Twice she was a delegate to the Friends World Conference in London, first in 1920 and again in 1952.

A perfectionist as a teacher she insisted that her students learn their subjects thoroughly. She strove to help all her students get the most possible out of her classes, spending much time with the slower to learn. Hundreds of her students remember her as one of their most effective teachers.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. J. M. Ransopher of Russiaville, and five nephews, Paul Ingels, of the Richmond Palladium-Item staff, Max Farlow of Kokomo, Joseph and Herbert Farlow of Russiaville and Robert Farlow of Indianapolis.

## Lilith M. Farlow

To have been a teacher for more than 40 years is quite an achievement. To have been an exceptional teacher—a truly effective one whose qualities are remembered gratefully by hundreds of former students—is an enduring memorial.

This was the kind of record Miss Lilith M. Farlow had. In the long period she taught at Kokomo High School—from 1916 through 1956—she became known as one of the school system's excellent teachers. A perfectionist, she expected good work from her students. The word among the student body was that if you enrolled in one of Miss Farlow's classes, you'd really have to work.

Today, many of her former students recall that her classes were anything but snap courses. But all of them remember that they learned something in them. She was thorough and conscientious and she meant for her students to be thorough. The slower to learn received her special attention along with the exceptional students, and the average.

She knew English literature well. She was greatly interested in world events, too, and read widely. Her interest in the day's news led her to be an avid newspaper reader.

Miss Farlow had always wanted to be a teacher, and she had the natural qualifications for that profession. Though serious-minded, she had a ray of quiet humor which those best acquainted with her appreciated.

Her success as a teacher was equalled by a lifelong devotion to the Friends Church which she served, also more than 40 years, in many capacities. She was a trustee of her alma mater, Earlham College, and one of the leaders in the Western Friends Yearly Meeting. For a long period she was reading clerk of the Western Yearly Meeting and she served as chairman of its centennial observance in 1958. On two occasions, in 1920 and 1952, she was a delegate to the Friends World Conference in London.

Lilith Farlow distinguished the teaching profession and she lived a useful and exemplary life in one of the most rewarding of human activities—the furtherance of Christian concern.