

Charles Read

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LITTLETON — Charles Thomas Read, 86, of 84 Tahattawan Road, a two-term member of the Littleton School Committee, died Sunday at Emerson Hospital in Concord after a brief illness.

Born in England July 23, 1902, son of the late William and Mary (Gardner) Reed, he came to the United States as an infant and grew up in the Auburn, New York area. He attended Lowell and Clinton schools, graduating from Clinton

High School and from Northeastern University in 1923 with a degree in business.

Employed by the Beder-Cole Company of Boston, he later worked for the Middle-By Company, a baker's supply firm, as an assistant treasurer and officer for 40 years, before retiring in 1972.

He made his home in Littleton since 1932, and was active in the Senior Citizens Club and the Council on Aging. He belongs to the Tahattawan Masonic Lodge and was a member of the First Church Unitarian, serving as deacon, president, treasurer, and superintendent of the Sunday school. He was also the delegate and treasurer of the North Middlesex Conference of UUA.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Hazel (Bradlee) of Littleton; two daughters, Mrs. William (Barbara) Shea of Merrimack, New Hampshire, and Mrs. Donald (Ruth) Morse of Boxborough; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the First Church Unitarian at Foster Street in Littleton, Wednesday at 2 p.m., with Reverend Nannene Gowdy officiating. Burial was at the Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Organ Fund, First Church Unitarian, Littleton, or the Ambulance Fund, Littleton Town Hall.

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