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Mrs. Ruth D. McCarty: An English teacher for 40 years who was married to Wisconsin Public Radio pioneer Harold McCarty, Ruth McCarty, 91, died Monday in a Madison nursing home.

She also taught drama and directed summer community theater. After retirement in 1967, she and her husband gave free play readings for the blind and elderly. Services are pending.

She died at Oakwood Village, 6165 Mineral Point Road, Madison, where my mother was also a resident. I saw her a few times when I was visiting my mother, and she said she remembered me, partly because she knew my mother from First Congregational Church.

Here's an interesting aside. I had a relative from Neenah who had a cabin in northern Wisconsin where my family vacationed yearly. When he heard that I went to West High School, he said "Do you know Mrs. McCarty, she was my drama coach at Neenah before she moved to Madison?" He was active for years in the local Neenah and Appleton theaters, and he attributed that to Mrs. McCarty. So, small world.

Those of us who knew her, think she deserved a better obituary than this. You can tell it was not written by any of her former students.

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