

Mrs. Esther F. Hatch, ^{10/19/64} Former FJC Dean, Dies

Mrs. Esther F. Hatch, 67, of 761 Ocean View Drive, Fullerton Junior College dean of women for many years before her retirement, died Saturday at St. Jude Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Gerald M. Ford. Offering the eulogy will be Dr. H. Lynn Sheller, president of Fullerton Junior College. The family requests that any memorial be expressed in the form of a donation to the Fullerton Junior College Foundation. Burial will be at Loma Vista Memorial Park, with McAulay & Suters Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hatch taught at Fullerton Union High School for two years, beginning in 1927. She continued at Fullerton Junior College until her retirement in 1957. She served as college dean of women for 19 years. Following a leave of absence in 1950, during which she and her husband, Vernon, traveled in Europe, she resigned the office of dean, and taught English until her retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatch traveled on many vacation trips. In addition to touring Europe, they toured this country, visited Hawaii and Mexico and cruised the Caribbean.

Mrs. Hatch's interest in drama provided more than 100 community productions when she started her career as a drama teacher in her early years in the local schools. She presented a series of productions, including "The Red Mill" and "Desert Song," at the opening of Plumer Auditorium in the early 1930s.

Mrs. Hatch started her teaching career in Eureka, Ill., following her graduation from Eureka College.

She was a member of Delta Zeta Alumnae, was active in the Northern Orange County Panhellenic Association, and in the Young Women's Christian Association.

Besides her husband, she also leaves her niece, Mrs. Virginia Mahan, Brea, and her nephew, Ralph Culp, Santa Ana.

Mrs. Hatch was born Nov. 16, 1896, in Eureka, Ill.



ESTHER F. HATCH