

Rev. George Schmucker Diven, (10 Feb 1860 – 3 Jun 1940), Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, June 4, 1940

The **Rev. George S. Diven**, 80, well-known retired Lutheran minister, died yesterday morning at his home in Spring Glen following an illness of about four weeks.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Southside Lutheran Church, the Rev. C. F. H. Krueger, the Rev. W. E. Pugh and the Rev. George F. Hart, officiating. Burial will be in the Pythian Cemetery on Hogan Road. Burns-Naugle are in charge of the arrangements.

The **Rev. Mr. Diven** was born in Duncannon, Pa., February 10, 1860 and was graduated from Gettysburg College in 1879 and the seminary in 1882. He was licensed in 1881 and accepted a call to Boalsburg (Zion), Pa., before his graduation. Later he held pastorates in Atchison, Kan., Carey, Ohio, Ickes, Pa., and was active in the mission field in the Middle West and South.

His finest work was the writing of devotion articles, mostly under the pen name of "Delta" for the Lutheran Observer, "Evangelist," "World," "Southern Visitor," "The Children's Herald." and other publications over a period of more than 40 years. He was a contributor to the Homiletion Review and one of the contributing editors of Funk & Wagnalls pulpit encyclopedia.

He married **Miss Lulu Stebbins** of Atchison, Kan., and Zellwood, Fla., who survives him. Other survivors include a **son** and **daughter**, both living in California and two **brothers** residing in Pennsylvania and New York.

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