Josephine Maloney died unexpectedly at her home in Milwaukee on August 31, 1958. Her death marks the passing of a truly great educator.

Miss Maloney was born in Lafayette Township, Walworth County, Wisconsin, on October 26, 1877. She attended elementary and secondary schools in Walworth County and she had her earliest teaching experiences there. She came to the Milwaukee Normal School in 1918 as an eighth grade training teacher, a position she continued to hold for thirty years, first in the Milwaukee Normal School and later in the Milwaukee State Teachers College.

While completing her work for the bachelor of science degree at Teachers College, Columbia University, Miss Maloney studied under Professor William Heard Kilpatrick and became an ardent enthusiast for the doctrine of progressive education. So creatively and so successfully did she put to practical application these theories of education that the Training School of the Milwaukee State Teachers College received national recognition.

Always reaching out for new ideas, Miss Maloney did graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia University, Northwestern University, the University of North Carolina and the University of Hawaii.

Miss Maloney took an active part in many educational organizations. She was president of the Wisconsin Classroom Teachers Association, vice president of the Wisconsin Education Association, a member of the Progressive Education Association, of the National Council of Teachers of English, of the National Education Association and of the National Dramatic Arts Association. Moreover, her interests extended far beyond the classroom. She was active in the Milwaukee Women's Club, the Civic Court and Conference, and the League of Women Voters. She served on the State Personnel Board, and the Milwaukee County Citizens' Committee.

Dedicated to her profession, Miss Maloney was interested in providing the best education for the children, in promoting the professional growth of the student teachers, and in working cooperatively with her colleagues to further the causes of education. Countless people have been and will be influenced by her unselfish service, her independence of thought and her courageous actions.

On the occasion of her retirement in 1948, Dr. Kilpatrick, in a congratulatory letter to her, wrote: "It has been a joy and pride to me to tell others of what you have done.... The influence for good that you have had on education is an achievement given to few."

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