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Gabriela Mistral, Nobel Poet, Dies

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HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Jan. 10.—Gabriela Mistral, 67, Chilean poetess who won the 1945 Nobel Prize in literature, died of cancer today in Hempstead General Hospital.

She lived in Roslyn with Doris Dana, an American writer. She had been seriously ill since October. Her best-known work, "Tala," was published in 1938 in Buenos Aires. "Desolation," a collection of her sonnets, was published in the United States in 1922.

Her pen name was formed from the names of Gabriel d'Annunzio, Italian poet and dramatist, and Federico Mistral, French provincial poet. Her real name was Lucila Godoy Alcayaga.

But her beginnings were of the most humble, and in later life she used to like to relate the story of how she was taken to a school in a small town in a remote province of Chile. The teacher examined her and sent her home with word that her parents should instruct her in household duties, since she was not qualified for intellectual pursuits.

At 15, however, Lucila Godoy became herself a teacher, having been carefully tutored by her parents, who were Chilean of Spanish stock with some



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GABRIELA MISTRAL.

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