

James S. Edmunds Dies Suddenly at Veterans Hospital

James Spann Edmunds, 67, longtime mayor of Ridgeway, civic and political leader, died suddenly Monday morning at 2 o'clock in the Veterans Hospital, Columbia. Although he had been in declining health for a number of years, the end was unexpected.

The son of the late James Spann Edmunds and the late Marian Boyd Edmunds, he was born in Ridgeway and had lived there his entire life. He was a graduate and a loyal alumnus of the University of South Carolina, where he played on the football team. Mr. Edmunds volunteered for duty in World War I, rose to the rank of captain and served as an instructor at Camp Gordon. After the war, he returned to his home town and went into business. He later became the owner of Charles P. Wray & Company, long-established general store, and for many years manufactured



Pictured here (right) is the late James S. Edmunds longtime civic leader of Ridgeway, as he received an engraved silver tray from Mayor Robert W. Thomas, presented by the Ridgeway Development Organization in appreciation of Mr. Edmunds' long service to the town. The meeting was held Jan. 29, 1962, in the Ridgeway Century House. Mr. Edmunds died Oct. 8.

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For a period of 25 years, up until 1957, he served, intermittently, as mayor of Ridgeway, was active in political affairs on the town, county, state and national levels. He was a director and vice president of the Bank of Ridgeway, director of the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital, Past Commander of the Ridgeway Post of the American Legion and Pastmaster of Masonic Lodge No. 30. He was active in the social and religious life of the community.

In 1932, Mr. Edmunds was married to Miss Afabella Nelson, also of Ridgeway, who survives

him. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. William Wilson of Columbia, Mrs. B. L. Bivins and Mrs. D. T. Mears of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers, W. C. Edmunds of Ridgeway, John B. Edmunds of Spartanburg, and Blake Edmunds of Columbia.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Ridgeway, of which he was a member, conducted by the Rev. James C. Fenhagen and the Rev. Thomas F. Hudson, former rector. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Thomas B. Edmunds, A. B. Heins, Jr., J. N. Crumpton, C. C. Moore, R. W. Thomas and O. W. Kennedy

JAMES SPANN EDMUNDS

The historic and progressive community of Ridgeway, in particular, and scores of Fairfield citizens, in general, were surprised and saddened at the sudden death of James S. Edmunds early Monday morning. He had not been in good health for some time but the end was unexpected.

For two score years, Jim Edmunds had been an outstanding and outspoken leader in Fairfield, holding many posts of honor. A veteran of World War I, who rose to the rank of captain, he had served as mayor of Ridgeway, at varying intervals, for a quarter century. His boundless energy and contagious enthusiasm for any cause he espoused was a source of constant amazement to his associates, and, outwardly at least, he remained in good spirits when ill health beset him and his business activities were curtailed.

Only last January, the Ridgeway Development Organization gave an impressive surprise dinner honoring Mr. Edmunds for his long and faithful service to the town and tributes were paid him by many leading citizens. It was a heart-warming experience which reflected credit upon the town and its longtime mayor.

Mr. Edmunds will be missed by a wide circle of relatives, friends and associates. Time marches on, the ancient order changes, familiar faces fade, but auld acquaintances are constantly brought to mind as nostalgic memories of long-gone halcyon days flood in.

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Final Rites Held On Saturday for W. C. Edmunds, 67

William Clarence ("Black") Edmunds, 67, prominent Ridgeway business man, died Thursday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock at the Providence Hospital in Columbia, after a brief illness.

The son of the late James Spann Edmunds and Marian Boyd Edmunds, he was born September 13, 1896, in Ridgeway where he had lived virtually his entire life. He was a member of Aimwell Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Edmunds was a cotton merchant and a wholesale grocer and had extensive business interests in Ridgeway and elsewhere. He was a former vice president of the Bank of Ridgeway, had served on the town council and was a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, the former Esther Ashe of York, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Fitz John Creighton McMaster of Winnsboro; one son, Thomas Bryant Edmunds, of Columbia; a grandson and a granddaughter of Winnsboro; two brothers, Blake Edmunds of Columbia and John Edmunds of Spartanburg. Another brother, James S. Edmunds, died Oct. 8, 1962.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Aimwell Presbyterian Church conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph D. Beale. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Blake Edmunds, Jr., Johnny Edmunds, Heyward Edmunds, J. Louie Coleman, Joe Crumpton and Robert W. Thomas.

The honorary escort was composed of Dr. John C. Buchanan, Jr., Spence R. McMaster, T. K. McDonald, J. Morris Lyles, Lyles Boyd, Joseph Walker, William C. Boyd, Dr. Pierre LaBorde, William F. Marshall, Richard I. Manning, Tom Lane, Jack Boyd, Ralph Goodson, Walter Ruff, Jr., V. E. Barnett, A. B. Heins, John Jones, Addicks Kirkland and Paul Cook.