

Final Rites Held On Saturday for E. J. Beasley, 34

Eli Jackson Beasley, 34, died Wednesday night (Dec. 11) at the Veterans Hospital, Columbia, after an illness of three months. He was the son of Mrs. Nellie Grooms Beasley and the late Mr. Beasley, and was born in Winnsboro on January 10, 1923.

Mr. Beasley was a World War II veteran and served three years with the 100th Division, Field Artillery. He was a service station operator, and attended Stephen Greene Memorial Baptist Church, and was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 11, AFM.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Miriam Leitner Beasley; two brothers, John E. Beasley of Shelbyville, Indiana, and Horace W. Beasley of Cayce; his mother, Mrs. Nellie G. Beasley; four aunts, six uncles, four nephews and two nieces.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Stephen Greene Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. William P. Clyde, assisted by the Reverends J. T. Duckett and W. T. Lisenby, of the local Church of God. Interment was in the family plot in the Winnsboro Mills cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jack Swygert, George Osborne, Ernest Walker, Jr., Rufus Smith, Jr., Enoch Burroughs, Buddy Sellers, Jennings Watts, Albert Watts, Doug Bass, Gary F. Bass, Sr., Willie Glisson, Lester Mincey, Felton Mincey, Clyde Collins, Dewey Mixon, Curtis Turner, Chester Munn, Lewie Easler, Lewis Cato, Curtis Sharp, Pat Sharp, Ed Hollis, Jack Loftin, Bud Walker, Bill Peake, Jim Weed, John Burbage, Joe Burley, Reed Raines, Boykin Smith, Donald Lucas, S. R. McMaster, Sr., Joe Owens, Comer Collins, J. D. Mincey and Boyd Mincey.

Mrs. Beckham, 46, Faithful Teacher, Passes on Sunday

Mrs. Dill Brown Beckham died, after a brief illness, Sunday afternoon, October 20, and her funeral service was held at Union Memorial Presbyterian Church, Tuesday morning, Oct. 22, at eleven o'clock, the Reverend Arthur Martin and the Reverend L. K. Martin officiating. Survivors are her husband, David R. Beckham, one daughter, Elizabeth Anne, of Winnsboro, one son, David R. Beckham, Jr., of Davidson College; four sisters, Mrs. Frank E. Pope, Jr., of Winnsboro, Mrs. Lindsay Castles of Greenville, Mrs. Thomas H. Frick and Mrs. Lewis C. Ashford, both of Columbia; three brothers, M. H. Brown of Great Falls, Robert R. and John S. Brown, Jr., both of Winnsboro and her mother, Mrs. Bettie R. Brown. Her father, John S. Brown died nineteen years ago.

This is not a news item. Rather is it a tribute of respect and affection to a rare personality whom the writer knew and greatly admired.

"Miss Dill" was Fairfield born and bred. Her father's name was a synonym for honor, frankness and sobriety and he and his wife impressed these characteristics on all their children. Miss Dill, the eldest child, attended Queen's College and later graduated at the University of South Carolina. For 21 years she taught in Fairfield County schools—seven years at the Palmetto Schools and fourteen years at Greenbrier High School. At the time of her death she had just begun at Mt. Zion Institute her 22nd year of teaching. Her worth was recognized by the teachers of the county by their electing her President of the County Teachers Association. She was a faithful member of Union Memorial Presbyterian Church, serving as church organist and treasurer of the Women of the Church.

The honorary escort was composed of the officers of the Union Memorial Presbyterian Church, also the Reverend Robert E. Smith, the Reverend Richard Sturgis and Supt. E. A. Williams.

In Memoriam

HUGH BLAIR AIKEN

Submitted by J. N. Holcomb, Clerk of the Session, Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Hugh Blair Aiken was born October 14, 1897. At the age of eleven, on December 22, 1908, he became a member of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. On June 17, 1917, at the age of nineteen, he was ordained a deacon of this church. Six years later, on April 1, 1923, he was ordained an elder. On April 12, 1925, he was elected clerk of the session, and in this capacity he served until the date of his death on August 19, 1957.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Hugh" by his friends and neighbors, all the years of his life were lived in the Lebanon community. And the span of this life of helpfulness and service to others measured exactly three score years.

Deeply religious and coming from a family of music lovers, Mr. Aiken was an active member of the church choir. Whenever good music was heard or made in the Lebanon church and community, he was likely to be there in the midst of it.

Interested and active in every facet of Christian service, he was the teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years. He also prepared a history of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, which was published in the county newspaper, The News and Herald, on August 9, 1951.

Well versed in the Scriptures, Mr. Aiken could recite from memory more Bible passages and more hymns than any other member of the session. Years ago this same statement was made of his father who also served as an elder of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. The reason for Mr. Hugh's knowledge and interest in the Scriptures may be attributed to his early training. He was reared under the tutelage of the "Old School"; his way of life included the two-fold doctrine of living as well as teaching the "Old Time Religion."

Over the years, while serving as clerk of the session, he came in contact with outstanding leaders of this and other presbyteries. The impact of his service with these Christian workers and the memory of his warm personal friendships will not soon be forgotten.

One of the interesting personalities with whom Mr. Aiken was associated for a brief time was the late Dr. Peter Marshall who came to the Lebanon community while still a student at the Columbia Seminary. In Aug. of 1929 this Scottish ministerial student, with the assistance of Mr. Hugh and others, conducted a series of services at historic old Lebanon and a number of new members were added to the church. At the conclusion of these services Peter Marshall went on to complete his training, eventually being called to the pastorate of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., becoming in time chaplain of the United States Senate and one of the most influential ministers of America. Another outstanding friend of Mr. Hugh's was the late Dr. S. C. Byrd.

Funeral services for Mr. Aiken were conducted from the Lebanon Church by Rev. Robert E. Smith, assisted by Rev. Joseph D. Beale, J. D. Broom of Columbia, a cousin of the deceased, was in charge of the music. Interment was in the family plot of the church cemetery.

At this time, reflecting upon the life and service of our departed friend, it is comforting to remember that blessed are those who die in the Lord. Yet we know that to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

We the present session do desire to spread on the minutes of our record book and send a copy for publication to our local paper, The News and Herald, this small tribute to our departed brother, board. We also desire to express our sympathy and respects to his bereaved sister and close relatives, assuring them and others of the church that we need more men like Mr. Hugh, and his vacancy will be hard to fill.

The Session, Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Watson, 46, Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Stella Bailey Watson, 46, died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Columbia Hospital after four days illness.

Mrs. Watson was born and reared in Dillon County, daughter of the late Hardy A. and Harriett Bragdon Bailey. She has lived in Winnsboro for the past 40 years, and was employed by Winnsboro Mills.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Winnsboro.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Glenn McCants of Winnsboro; twin daughters, Joanne and Jeanette of the home; one grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Mary B. Mode, and Mrs. Rosa B. Young of Winnsboro, and Mrs. Charley Ingram of Hartsville; three brothers, H. H. of Grover, Lerome of Winnsboro, and M. C. Bailey of Gastonia, N. C., and several nieces and nephews.

The twin daughters were graduated from Winthrop College this week.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 p.m. Monday from the First Baptist Church by the Rev. R. E. Lattimore. Burial was in the city cemetery in the family plot.

Six nephews served as active pallbearers.

Final Rites for Mrs. Bankhead, 76, Conducted Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Stewart Bankhead, 76, of 107 Vanderhorst St., who died Saturday morning after a lingering illness, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Longtown Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Joe Beale and the Rev. Robert Smith. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bankhead was the widow of William G. Bankhead, who died in 1937. She was born at Longtown, Fairfield County, the daughter of the late Robert J. and Hattie Martin Stewart. She lived in Columbia 20 years before moving back to Fairfield County after her husband's death. She lived with her sister, Mrs. Ella Stewart.

Survivors include her sister, one niece, Mrs. Virginia McFadden; and one great-niece, Mrs. Robert L. Harmon of Newberry.

Active pallbearers were Ray Moore, Caughman Smith, L. C. Hardy, Dave Dixon, B. B. Meng, Jr., and C. B. Kelly.

The honorary pallbearers were Thad Coleman, Charlie Norman, Amos Wylie, Linder Kelly, Dr. John C. Buchanan, R. L. Peay, James A. McDonald, Cunningham Jones, Bob Ameen, Bill Gladden, John Harmon, W. E. Taylor, Jr., and Emory Smith.

Mrs. J. D. Bass, Ridgeway, Dies at Columbia Hospital

Mrs. Lucy Bass, 49, a life long resident of Ridgeway, died suddenly at 3 o'clock Christmas morning in a Columbia hospital.

Mrs. Bass was the former Miss Lucy Peake.

Survivors include her husband, J. D. Bass of Ridgeway; three sons, John Lewis, Edward, and Otis Bass, all of Ridgeway; and one daughter, Mrs. Jessie Mae Plante of New Hampshire.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Sawney Creek Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. John D. Atkinson. Interment was in the churchyard.

Active pallbearers were Frank Perry, Melvin Easler, Milton Murphy, Leslie Peake, Alfred Pervey, and Clyde Murphy.

E. A. Turner Dies Sunday at Local Hospital

Funeral Services Held Tuesday for Longtime Everett School Head.

"A School Man For 33 Years"



E. A. TURNER

Earle Alexander Turner, 58, principal of Everett School for 31 years, farmer and ruling church elder, died suddenly Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock at the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Turner became ill almost seven weeks ago, was taken to the hospital Tuesday evening, March 20, and had been there ever since. He did not respond to treatment as had been hoped, although he had seemed a shade better on Sunday when he had sat in his room to eat his dinner. The end came almost instantaneously.

Mr. Turner was born in the Lebanon community on Jan. 24, 1898, the son of the late William James Turner and Elizabeth Jane Turner. He was graduated from Mount Zion Institute and from Davidson College in the class of 1919. He taught for two years at Ridge Springs, worked for a brief period in the Winnsboro Mills office, and then served for 31 years as principal of Everett School, his administration almost spanning the life of the institution. He guided the school's destinies from a period when it had very few pupils until, at the time of his leaving it seven weeks ago, it was the largest grammar school in the county. He was respected and liked by teachers, pupils and parents.

In addition to his school duties, he was a successful farmer and cattle-raiser and he built a new home on his Lebanon plantation about two years ago. He was an elder of Sion Presbyterian Church for two decades and served as clerk of the session for 16 years.

Mr. Turner is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Brooks Turner; one son, Earle Alexander Turner, Jr., by his first wife, Alethea Mayes Turner, who died in May, 1948; two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Jordan of Angelus and Mrs. Curtis Wrike of Grimm, N. C.; and one brother, William J. Turner, Winnsboro.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Robert Smith, pastor, the Rev. Arthur M. Martin, of Columbia, the Rev. Francis B. Mayes, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, and the Rev. James S. Mann, Lebanon Presbyterian Church, were held from Sion Presbyterian Church, Winnsboro, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment was in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Andrew Turner, Charles E. Turner, Dr. J. Dorman Turner, Lemmon Turner, John M. Turner, J. B. Turner, of Chester, and Howard Yarborough of Jenkinsville. Tuesday in memory of his long time principal.

Death Comes to Mrs. Ragsdale at County Hospital

Mrs. Claude Hunter Ragsdale, 69, died early Monday morning at the Fairfield County Hospital after an illness of one week.

Mrs. Ragsdale was the former Alice Coward, daughter of the late George and Alice Smith Coward, and was adopted in early childhood by Miss Florence Feaster. She was born in Newberry County but spent most of her life in Fairfield County at Blair, where she was a member of the Rock Creek Baptist Church. She was also active in the work at Salem Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and the Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include her husband, Claude Hunter Ragsdale; four sons, C. H. Ragsdale, Jr., and J. K. Ragsdale of Blair; and E. V. and J. W. Ragsdale of Columbia; three daughters, Mrs. Graham Frice of Woodleaf, N. C., Mrs. Beasley Davis of Winnsboro, and Mrs. James Counts of Newberry; one sister, Mrs. Garris Broome of Columbia; one brother, J. B. Coward of Newberry. Sixteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m., Tuesday, from Rock Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. John P. Isenhower, the Rev. R. Wallace and the Rev. William Tate. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Winnsboro Native Dies, Georgetown

Mrs. Lulie Boyd Sawyer, wife of Dr. Olin Sawyer, former representative and senator and retired physician of Georgetown, died at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday at Georgetown County Memorial Hospital. She was in ill health several years.

Mrs. Sawyer, the former Miss Lulie Boyd, was born at Winnsboro, a daughter of the late Dr. John Blake Boyd, a surgeon in the Confederate Army, and the late Mrs. Lucy Bryant Boyd. The family moved to Ridgeway when she was a small child, and she was educated in the schools there. Mrs. Sawyer went to Georgetown as a bride, following her marriage to Doctor Sawyer November 27, 1901.

Before he health failed several years ago, she was active in civic and church organizations. She was a member of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Mrs. M. M. McCord and Miss Olin Sawyer, both of Georgetown, and two grandsons, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday from Georgetown Presbyterian Church by the pastor, the Rev. Ace L. Tubbs. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Sam Shirley, 75, Dies at His Home Tuesday Morning

Sam Houston Shirley, 75, retired textile employe, died here Tuesday morning at his home.

Mr. Shirley was born in Camden, son of the late J. R. and Margaret McKenzie Shirley. He lived here since 1925.

Survivors include his widow, the former Florence Howell; one son, Charles S. Shirley of Winnsboro; two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Lineberry of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. B. O. Stewart of Tacoma, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. T. C. Gladden of Camden; three brothers, Spayne, Wallace and Johnny Shirley of Camden; six grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

M. M. Stewart, Lacy Shaw, Lloyd Weed, Oscar Collins, John Enloe, Jimmy Bowers, E. D. Joyner, Gary Bass, J. M. Lyles, Tommy Tolbert, C. M. Brunner, Dr. J. B. Floyd and Hite Herring.