

R. A. Castles Dies Tuesday, Local Hospital

Rufus Arledge Castles, 79, died Tuesday in Fairfield Memorial Hospital after a long illness. 1973

He was born in Chester on March 9, 1894, a son of the late Samuel F. and Leila Lyles Castles. He was a retired foreman of Anderson Quarry and a member of Crooked Run Baptist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Lou Ashford Castles, of the home; seven daughters, Mrs. Harry Pleasants (Ada Lee) and Mrs. Billy W. Gossett (Rebecca) of Columbia; Mrs. H. W. Muse (Marjorie) and Mrs. Andrew F. Robinson (Edna) of Winnsboro; Mrs. George R. Shedd, Jr. (Jeannette) of Fairburn, Ga.; Mrs. Robert Evans (Alice) of Terra Haute, Ind.; and Mrs. Cecil Weed (Martha Ann) Spangdahlen, Germany; three sons, Rufus A. Castles, Jr. of Charleston, William L. Castles of Greenville and T/Sgt. Joel Ashford Castles of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Lyles of Winnsboro and Mrs. Mack Stewart of Anderson; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m., in Crooked Run Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Elbert Hutto. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Arledge Castles; A. F. Robinson, Jr.; John Castles, Charles Castles, Terry Castles and Joel Shedd.

Mrs. Wilkes' Brother

Mr. Castles, 73, Dies in Chester

Thomas Bennett Castles, 73, died Saturday in his home at Chester after several years' illness. 1973

Born in Chester County, he was a son of the late John Bennett and Susan Weir Castles.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Rebecca Crowder Castles; five sisters, Mrs. Betty Helms, Misses Marie and Ann Belle Castles of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. Rebecca Baker of Atlanta and Mrs. Lila Wilkes of Winnsboro; and four brothers, W. H. Castles of Charleston, Fred W. Castles of Charlotte, J. R. Castles of Stockton, Ga., and Spratt W. Castles of Chester.

Services were held on Monday in Barron Funeral Home, with interment in Chester Memorial Gardens.

MRS. J. H. CORDER
Funeral services for Mrs. James Harold Corder were held Thursday, December 20, in Ebenezer Southern Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Leecy Bright and the Rev. Mr. H. O. Davis. 1973

Lewis Catoe, 55, Dies Sunday in Local Hospital

Lewis Catoe, 55, died Sunday in Fairfield Memorial Hospital. He was born in Kershaw County on November 29, 1917, a son of David L. Catoe and the late Ada Thorne Catoe. He was a retired Uniroyal employee, a veteran of World War II, and a member of the American Legion and the DAV. Mr. Catoe was a member of Stephen Greene Baptist Church.

Surviving are his father; his widow, Mrs. Patricia Goodman Catoe of the home; a daughter, Miss Edith Ann Catoe of Greenwood; a son, Davy Lewis Catoe of the home; his stepmother, Mrs. Mary Ethel Catoe; three sisters, Mrs. Ruby Rabon and Mrs. Kathleen Branham of Camden and Mrs. Lucille Ellis of Lancaster; and a brother, Wilbur Lee Catoe of Lugoff.

Services were held on Tuesday in Stephen Greene Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. J. P. Blackwelder and the Rev. J. D. Powell. Interment was in Winnsboro Mills Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were J. D. Mincey, R. B. Cooper, Charles Medlin, Milton Collins, Olan Pullen and J. E. Brigman.

Rites Conducted Salem Church for Mrs. Coleman

Graveside services were held on Friday afternoon for Mrs. Essie Mae Suber Coleman in the Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The Rev. Kenneth Barnes, assisted by the Rev. James L. Russell, officiated.

Mrs. Coleman, wife of Charles Howard Coleman, Sr., died in the Fairfield Memorial Hospital on Thursday after a sudden illness.

She was born in Newberry County, a daughter of the late J. S. and Martha Robinson Suber.

Surviving are her husband of the home; three daughters, Misses Martha Elizabeth and Louise Coleman and Mrs. Annie L. Mills, all of Blair; and a son Charles Howard Coleman, Jr. of Blair. Four grandsons, Charles and William Coleman and Mark and Mike Mills of Blair, also survive.

Mrs. Corder, 45, of Leesville, the former Betty Ruth Alexander, died December 18.

Born in Richland county, she was a daughter of Mrs. Pearl Nichols Alexander Shull and the late Robert Alexander. She was a member of Ebenezer Southern Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband; her mother and step-father, Floyd Shull of Columbia; three sons, Robert, Michael and David Corder of the home; a daughter, Miss Teresa Lynn Corder of Columbia; a brother, Steve Shull of Columbia; and two sisters, Mrs. A. F. Bannister of Morehead City, N.C. and Mrs. Bruce Baker of Winnsboro.

Husband Local Woman

W. F. Coleman Dies, Columbia

William Francis Coleman of 2501 Duncan Street, Columbia, died Friday in Richland Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. He was the husband of the former Elizabeth (Lizzie) Elliott, Winnsboro native, and the family visited here often prior to his fatal illness. 1973

Born in Columbia, he was a son of the late William A. Coleman, former mayor of the capital city, and Maner M. Coleman.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he was prominent in a wide variety of activities, Mr. Coleman was director of the Columbia Housing Authority for many years. He joined the South Carolina Division of sinking funds and property on July 1, 1953. The following year this department was put under the Division of General Services and he was made Chief of Insurance. When he joined the Sinking Fund and Property Division, \$225 million of insurance was in force. Now the state has in force a billion and a half dollars worth of insurance on county, state and public school property, this increase being made under his direction.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott Coleman; a son William Francis Coleman, Jr., Fairfax, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Dean G. Fowble, Jr., Columbia; and two sisters, Mrs. V. R. Pogue, Columbia, and Mrs. H. Wayne Shamon, Dallas, Texas.

Services, conducted by the Rev. John M. Barr, were held Sunday afternoon in St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia, of which he was a member. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

C. R. Crawford Dies, Columbia

Charles Rion Crawford, 68, of Columbia, a Fairfield native, died Thursday, July 12, in a Columbia hospital. 1973

He was born at Salem Cross Roads, a son of the late Samuel Rion and Sarah Frances Crowder Crawford. He was a retired office manager and accountant with Cate-McLaurin Co., having been with the company for 35 years. He was a member of Shandon Presbyterian Church where he was active in church affairs.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sara Alice Faircloth Crawford; a son, Charles Rion Crawford, Jr., of Columbia; two grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Arthur E. Jeter and Miss Belle Crawford of Columbia and Mrs. Ellison Wylie of Winnsboro.

Services were held on Sunday in Shandon Presbyterian Church, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.



Active in Public Affairs

Rev. Collins, 68, Dies on Sunday at Home, Ridgeway

The Rev. Maxie Carlton Collins, Jr., 68, of Third Street, Ridgeway, died at his home on Sunday morning after a period of declining health. 1973

He was born in Lake City on April 9, 1904, the son of the late Maxie Carlton Collins, Sr. and Ophelia Matthews Collins, was graduated from Furman University and Louisville Theological Seminary. He was a member of the Ridgeway Baptist Church and a life member of the Piedmont Masonic Lodge of Greenville. Also, he was executive secretary for the Preparedness for Peace Commission and secretary for the South Carolina Federated Forces for Temperance.

Rev. Collins was a past secretary of the S. C. Democratic Party and the founder and director of the Fairview Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, near Ridgeway.

Surviving are his widow, Mildred Kinkaid Collins of the home; two sons, Barry Collins of Ridgeway and Maxie Collins III of Beach Mountain, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Dewey Bennett (Olive) of Columbia and Mrs. Nick Glenn (Lenore) of Southern Pines, N. C.; two brothers, the Rev. Henry Collins of Columbia and Dr. Stanton L. Collins of Conway. Seven grandchildren also survive, Mikey, Sallie and Susan Collins of Beach Mountain and Jay, Karen, Mark and Allene Collins of Ridgeway.

Graveside services were conducted on Tuesday morning by the Rev. Kennedy W. Rabon and the Rev. Jess Bratton in the Greenlawn Memorial Park in Columbia.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the Ridgeway Baptist Church.

Mrs. Adele Hane Chappell Curtis, whose death occurred October 13, 1972.

It was noted that Mrs. Curtis was a charter member of the Captain John Chappell Chapter, which was organized in 1955. Because he, through the services rendered far beyond the call of duty, "became so identified with the Society of Colonial Dames, XVII Century, it is impossible to think of one without the other." She served in various offices and committees of the local chapter, being president in 1963-65. She served the State Society as President and at the time of her death was First Vice President General of the National Society, having been endorsed as nominee for President General for election at the coming National Conference in Washington in April of this year.

Adele Hane Chappell Curtis, eldest child of the late Philip Chappell and Angelina Hane Chappell, (her mother survives her), was born in Columbia, attended the public schools and graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. She taught Spanish at the University of South Carolina for a short time. Deciding to leave the teaching profession, she chose a business career and the various agencies with which she was affiliated emphasizes her wide range of resources which included work in the fields of medicine, law, journalism, insurance, and finance.

Mrs. Curtis, a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia, was laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1972. She was serving as State Chairman of the Society's Scholarship Fund.

Ridgeway Depot Agent

Graveside Rites Held Tuesday for J. R. Creech, 69

James Robert Creech, 69, of Blythewood died Saturday in Richland Memorial Hospital. 1973

He was born in Bamberg County, a son of the late J. J. and Mamie Ray Creech, and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a retired employee of Southern Railway, and had been depot agent at Ridgeway for many years, and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Airline and Steamship Clerks, TCV Division. Mr. Creech was a former owner of Creech's Gulf Service Station.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Frances Jeffares Creech; three daughters, Mrs. Vern (Bonnie) Martin of Eagle, Neb., Mrs. W. L. (Margaret) DuBard of Cedar Creek and Mrs. M. W. (Linda) Maurer of Metter, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Cleo Dunsing of St. Matthews and Mrs. O. K. Brown of Newberry; and a brother, Horace Creech of Columbia.

Services were held at graveside in Trinity Cemetery at Sandy Level Baptist Church on Wednesday.