

Samuel F. Beck

Samuel Beck, father of Samuel F. Beck, former Franklin band director and high school teacher, died Monday evening at his home in Cherokee.

He was a retired railroad man, an expert musician all his life and as a young man, was one of the best guitar pickers in Western North Carolina.

He picked the banjo, and played the violin and piano. He played for dances in his early days and played for his own pleasure until his death.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah Sneed Beck; four sons, Samuel F., of Franklin and John Quentin, Paul K. and James T. Beck, all of Cherokee; a daughter, Mrs. Wilma Lambert of Cherokee; three brothers, Major of Rock Hill, S.C., Tom of Walhalla, S. C. and Eugene Beck of Cherokee; a sister, Mrs. Savannah B. Sheldon of Sacramento, Calif; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bill Moody Funeral Home, Bryson City.

Elders Huntsman and Hill will officiate. Military graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. in Antioch Church Cemetery in Clayton, Ga., by members of Steve Youngdeer Post.