

## FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. HAYS

Beloved Highlands Woman Dies Following Stroke

On Friday afternoon, Oct. 14, funeral services for Mrs. M. E. Hays were held at her home in Highlands with the Rev. W. T. Potts, pastor of the Baptist church, of which she was a member for many years, officiating.

The remarks made by Rev. Mr. Potts were quite appropriate for one who had lived the life that Mrs. Hays had in Highlands.

The pallbearers were J. E. Potts, Eugene Potts, Guy Paul, Frank Potts, Walter Reese and L. W. Rice.

The large crowd which attended the funeral testified to the love and esteem in which Mrs. Hays was held. She was a firm believer in "charity beginning at home" and she exemplified her belief by her faithful performance of duties as a mother in the home. But her charity did not stop there but spread throughout the entire community. In sickness she was an efficient and sympathizing helper. In the Sunday school, as teacher of the youngest children, she was a real mother as well as Christian teacher and the Sunday preceding her death found her in her accustomed place with her class. For many years she was the organist and delighted to have her little class about her to sing at the closing exercises of Sunday school. For ten years she was one of the few to help hold the Woman's Missionary society together by regular attendance and as long as her health permitted she was never known to shirk her duty.

For a short period she was teacher in the public schools in which capacity she ingratiated herself in the favor of the people. She also held other public offices; the last was that of assistant postmistress. She veritably "died in the harness," as had long been her wish. Last Thursday morning she went as usual to the postoffice, where she suffered a stroke which caused her death at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Although Mrs. Hays was from the North, she had spent most of her life in Highlands. She is survived by one son, Willie, his younger brother, Joe, having died two years ago; a brother, W. M. Cleaveland, and two sisters, Miss Eva Cleaveland, whose home is in Bridgeport, Conn., and Miss Kleanor Cleaveland, who is postmistress in Highlands.