

W. A. M'GAHA, 72, DIED THURSDAY

Prominent Citizen Of West's Mill Goes To Reward

William Alfred McGaha, 72, died at his home at West's Mill at 8:30 Thursday night, June 17, following an illness of several months due to heart complications and a kidney infection.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon at the Cowee Baptist church which was crowded with friends and neighbors who mourned his passing. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor, assisted by Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Mayberry read the obituary, and paid tribute to Mr. McGaha's character and life as citizen, church member and neighbor in his county and community.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics conducted the final services at the grave in the churchyard adjoining with the impressive ritual of the order. Beautiful floral offerings attested to the wide circle of sympathetic friends.

Mr. McGaha was born at West's Mill May 2, 1865, the son of George and Jane Tippet McGaha, and spent his entire life here except for a few years' residence in Bryson City. He was a member of the Cowee Baptist church since 1901, and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Cullasaja Chapter, No. 158.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Jennie Morrison; two sons, F. P. McGaha, of Seattle, Wash., J. Fred McGaha, of West's Mill; one daughter, Mrs. Lester S. Conley, of Franklin, four grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Shepherd, of Leatherman.