

MRS. MERRILL'S FUNERAL HELD

Life-long Resident Of
Highlands Succumbs
To Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Virginia Pierson Merrill, 38, who died Saturday morning in an Asheville hospital following a long illness, were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Highlands Presbyterian church, with the Rev. Arthur D. Ranson, pastor, and the Rev. Robert E. Early, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

At the graveside, officers of Highlands Chapter No. 284, Order of the Eastern Star, were in charge of the services. Burial was in Highlands cemetery.

Palbearers were Louis A. Edwards, Sidney McCarty, Jr., O. F. Sumner, Don Watson, James O. Beale and Wilton H. Cobb.

Mrs. Merrill was the daughter of Mrs. Lillie Moore Pierson and the late John Quincy Pierson. She was a member of the Highlands Presbyterian church and a member of Highlands Chapter No. 284, Order of the Eastern Star. A life-long resident of Highlands, before she was associated with her brother, W. P. Pierson, in the real estate and insurance business.

In addition to her mother, survivors include one sister, Mrs. Joseph W. Rees, Jr., two brothers, W. P. Pierson and John Pierson, one niece, and three nephews, all of Highlands.