

Services For Mrs. Eloise Potts Monday



Funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church in Franklin for a lady who was not a native of Macon County but who was widely known and who had served the people of the area in a variety of ways.

Mrs. Eloise Griffin Franks Potts died Saturday at the Grandview Manor Rest Home following a long illness.

A native of Rutherford County, she came to Macon County in the teens of the twentieth century. Active in civic affairs in the community, she was a leader in such organizations as the McDowell Music Club, the League of Women Voters, and the Study Club, groups which contributed much to the growth and development of the community during the 1920's.

In the mid-twenties and early thirties, this unusually talented lady was a member of the faculty of Franklin High School. She is remembered by hundreds of Macon County men and women of today as the lady who taught them some of the finer points of English grammar. She was a graduate of Meredith College.

In 1936 she became the first full time superintendent of Public Welfare for Macon County. She held this position until she retired in 1959, a period of 23 years.

Following her retirement, this adopted daughter of Macon County became the first and only woman to serve as Mayor of the Town of Franklin.

Active in the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Potts had served as a member of and Worthy Matron of the Nequassi Chapter No. 43 and Highlands Chapter No. 284 of the organization.

Mrs. Potts was first married to Samuel I. Franks, of Franklin. Following his death, she later married Frank Potts, of Highlands.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. W. Thomas

Lane, pastor and Rev. Robert Du'ree, of Highlands. Burial followed in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Clyde Bingham, J. Harry Thomas, Dr. J. W. Kahn, Neil Lanning, H. H. Plemmons and Ray Swafford.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Victor Perry, Bob Sloan, W. W. Sloan, Frank Duncan, Lake Shope, Norman West, Gene Haldwin, R. S. Jones Sr., John M. Archer Sr., W. G. Crawford and John Crawford.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Frank I. Henry Jr., of Franklin and Mrs. C. Ogburn Ferguson, of Winston-Salem; two step-sons, Steve of Highlands and Jack Potts, of Brevard; two step-daughters, Mrs. Orville Coward, of Sylva and Mrs. William Owens, of Clinton.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.