

ALBERT RAMSEY, FARM AND CIVIC LEADER, DIES

Rites For Farm Home Supervisor Held Saturday

Albert L. Ramsey, Macon County supervisor for the Farm Home Administration, prominent farmer, and leader in the civic life of the county, died at Angel hospital early Thursday of last week. He was 55 years of age.

Always interested in better farming, he was a pioneer in the growing of alfalfa in this county, and built up on his farm in the Iotla valley what was said to be one of the largest herds of purebred Angus-Aberdeen cattle in Western North Carolina.

Ten years ago he joined the staff here of the Farm Security Administration, now the Farm Home Administration, and during the past decade had spent most of his time working with farmers who needed loans and supervision to get on their financial feet.

He long had served on the Macon County welfare board, and July 1 assumed the duties of president of the Franklin Rotary club. He was a former chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, and at the time of his death he was a director of the Farmers Federation and a steward of the Franklin Methodist church. He joined the Iotla church in early life, and at one time had been Sunday school superintendent and men's Bible class teacher there.

Mr. Ramsey suffered a serious heart ailment three years ago, but apparently had recovered. He became ill about 10 days before his death, and entered the hospital Wednesday morning of last week. Death was attributed to a heart condition, complicated by asthma.

A native of this county, he was the son of W. A. and Mrs. Rebecca West Ramsey. He held a law degree from the University of North Carolina, but never practiced that profession. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Margaret Higdon; two sons, Lt. Albert L. Ramsey, Jr., who is situated at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and who came home in time for the funeral, on a 45-day leave, and Clayton Ramsey, who was graduated from Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, recently; and one sister, Mrs. A. L. McLean, of Asheville.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Franklin Methodist church, with the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, and two former pastors, the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., and the Rev. W. Jackson Honeycutt, officiating. Burial was in the Iotla Methodist church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill Slagle, John M. Archer, Jr., Henry W. Cobe, Terrell Parrish, Bayse Penland, and Harry Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Franklin Rotary club.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.