

GEORGE T. LAKE

IS DEAD: FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY

Geo. T. Lake, 69, one of the oldest residents of Washington County and the oldest merchant of Fayetteville in point of active business life, died of a heart malady Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the family residence, 212 North College Avenue. Mr. Lake had been in declining health for several months and had been confined to his room four weeks. Death was not unexpected.

Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian Church at four o'clock this afternoon with the Rev. J. T. Caughley, assisted by the Rev. N. M. Ragland, officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were: active—W. D. Saunders, John A. Reed, W. J. Reynolds, M. McMichaels, C. T. Harding and Tom Logan; honorary—Col. Hugh A. Dinsmore, Judge E. S. McDaniels, H. K. Wade, Judge T. H. Humphreys, A. McCartney, H. F. Reagan, Dr. A. S. Gregg, R. J. Wilson, Frank P. Hall, E. B. Wall, Jas. H. Melroy, B. R. Davidson, W. H. Cravens, J. Vol Walker and J. J. Baggett.

As a mark of respect to the deceased, business houses were closed this afternoon during the funeral services.

Deceased is survived by his widow; two daughters - Mrs. Horton Howe of Texarkana and Mrs. Louise Wooten of Helena; a sister, Mrs. Ella Barnett of Prairie Grove and brother, Frank Lake of Oklahoma.

Business and Political Career.

Though actively interested in politics for forty years Mr. Lake avoided partisan bitterness. He held few public offices, being sheriff of Washington county for two terms—from October 1892 to October 1896, alderman for the city of Fayetteville several years ago and at one time president of the school board. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Washington County Democratic central committee, having served continuously in that capacity since 1908.

In September, 1896, Mr. Lake purchased a hardware business from E. Z. Davies and devoted his entire time to it until stricken a few weeks ago.

Was World's Fair Commissioner.

Mr. Lake was commissioner from Arkansas at the World's Fair held at St. Louis in 1903-04. He was one of the founders of the Fayetteville National Building and Loan Association and has served continuously as its president since 1906.

Mr. Lake was a member of several fraternal orders and was a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church. His father, Milton Lake, was a delegate to the Arkansas Constitutional Convention of 1874 and at one time served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas. Mr. Lake received his early education in the schools at Prairie Grove and later attended Ozark Institute, a seminary located a few miles northwest of Fayetteville and which suspended about the time the University of Arkansas was founded.

Mr. Lake was born in Louerdale County, Tennessee, September 6, 1849. In 1860 the family removed to Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Removing to Fayetteville from Prairie Grove about 1870 Mr. Lake was employed as a clerk for four years by the late Stephen K. Stone. In 1876 he entered the drug business with W. H. Whitlow. In 1896 he sold his interest in the drug store and engaged in the grocery business. He disposed of his grocery business when he was elected sheriff.