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DURHAM'S ONLY POLICEWOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Katherine Williams Succumbs Before Doctor Reaches Bedside This Morning

Mrs. Katherine Margaret Williams, mother's aid director and girl referee for the Durham welfare department, died at her home on the Wake Forest road this morning at 7 o'clock following an illness of a few days. Death resulted from a complication of diseases. She was dead when medical aid reached the home.

Mrs. Williams was the wife of Marvin E. Williams and was 36 years of age. In addition to her husband she leaves a step-son, Rufus C. Williams of this city; four sisters, Mrs. A. F. Spain of Durham, Misses Dora and Nellie Norman of Raleigh, and Mrs. C. L. Smith of Plymouth; and two brothers, Roscoe and George Norman, both of Durham.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Edgemont Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Norville, will officiate.

Mrs. Williams bore the distinction of being the only policewoman in the county. She had devoted practically her entire life to welfare work, becoming associated with the local department while she was attending high school. She took special training at the University of North Carolina. During the past eight years she has been a full-time member of the department. She was considered by welfare officials one of the best equipped and most efficient workers in the state.

Mrs. Williams, in addition to looking out for the mothers aid work in the county, devoted much time to girls who had become delinquent in their conduct. She was also an experienced case investigator. About a year ago she was commissioned as a police officer.

Active pallbearers will be Hubert L. Rigsbee, Captain N. K. Hardee, John Wilson, Cecil Iseley, Bennie Daniel and W. E. Stanley.

Honorary pallbearers will be George Clark, Jack Taylor, Tom Lloyd, W. H. Bright, Henry B. Gill, Ralph Howland, John King, Dr. H. J. Gorham, G. Frank Warner, Dr. John S. Bradley, B. W. Rogers, Sigmon Myers, S. E. Hudson, R. L. Lindsey, W. F. Carr and Judge Walter Bass.

Floral bearers will be Florence Bobbitt, Katherine Rigsbee, Ruby Lee McCullers, Louise Wysong, Mrs. Lucile Isely, Mrs. Bernice Daniel, Kathleen Whitfield, Mrs. E. T. Murray, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Felsie Jones, Mrs. Goldie Roberts and Mrs. Octavia Evans.

FINAL RITES TODAY FOR MRS. WILLIAMS

Field Worker For Board Of Charities And City Policewoman Dies Suddenly

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Edgemont Baptist church for Mrs. Katherine Williams, 36, field worker for the city and county board of charities and public welfare, who died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at her home on the Wake Forest road following an illness of a few days. Rev. C. S. Norville, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the old section of Maplewood cemetery.

The body will be carried to the church at 3 o'clock and lie in state until the funeral hour.

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Mrs. Williams, the wife of Marvin E. Williams, bore the distinction of being the only policewoman in the county. She was commissioned about a year ago. She had devoted practically all of her life to welfare work and during the past eight years she had been a full-time member of the Durham county welfare department.

In addition to looking out for the mother's aid work in the county, Mrs. Williams devoted much time to girls who had become delinquent in their conduct. She was also an experienced case investigator.

Her death was caused by a complication of diseases. About an hour before her death she complained about feeling unusually weak, but before medical aid was available she had died.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a step-son, Rufus C. Williams of this city; four sisters, Mrs. A. F. Spain of Durham, Misses Dora and Nellie Norman of Raleigh; and Mrs. C. L. Smith of Plymouth; and two brothers, Roscoe and George Norman, both of Durham.

The welfare department will close for the day at 12 o'clock out of respect for Mrs. Williams.

First Policewoman Dies Here



MRS. KATHERINE WILLIAMS, mothers aid director and girls referee of the local welfare department, who died this morning at her home on Wake Forest road following a brief illness.

COURT PAYS RESPECTS TO DECEASED OFFICIAL

In respect to Mrs. Katherine Williams, policewoman and welfare worker, recorder's court today stood in a moment of silence. Mrs. Williams died suddenly at home on the Wake Forest road yesterday morning. Recorder Walter B. Bass spoke brief words in appreciation of the work of Mrs. Williams and exalted the cooperation which she gave the court.

The welfare office closed this afternoon.