

Dr. Baird Of Mars Hill Dies Suddenly

The Mars Hill community, Madison county, and the medical profession generally, suffered a real loss in the death of Dr. John W. Baird, 44, who died at his home at Mars Hill Thursday morning about three o'clock.

Although Dr. Baird has been carrying on his usually large practice, he had been suffering for several years from angina pectoris. Dr. Baird, affectionately known as "Doctor John," was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Baird, who for so many years served Mars Hill and the surrounding community as a most faithful and beloved physician. After finishing medical college, Dr. Baird assisted his father in his large practice and after the death of his father assumed his duties.

Studied at Mars Hill

Dr. Baird finished Mars Hill College when a mere boy, after which he attended Tennessee Medical College, where he graduated with honors. He received a scholarship to Berlin which he did not accept, receiving his M. D. before he was 21 years of age. Since graduation, Dr. Baird has expended his genius and extraordinary medical skill in his own beloved highlands, serving with self-sacrifice an unusually large territory. Dr. Baird was also a member of the staff of Aston Park Hospital, Asheville, and vice-president of the Madison County Medical Association.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lexine Williams, of Fletcher; his step-mother, Mrs. Lorene Baird, of Mars Hill; two brothers, Dr. J. D. Baird, of Barnardsville, and Thomas H. Baird, of Mars Hill; five sisters, Miss Jean Baird, of Mars Hill; Mrs. C. H. Morgan, of Higgins; Mrs. G. K. Metcalf, of Paint Fork; Mrs. V. P. Rogers, of Weaverville; and Mrs. C. D. Metcalf, of Mars Hill.

Funeral Service

The funeral service was held at the Mars Hill Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment will be in the Mars Hill Cemetery. The Revs. J. R. Owen, P. L. Elliott, and N. B. Phillips will officiate.

The active pallbearers will be: N. S. Whitaker, Paul Bruce, Zack Eller, W. L. George, Dr. W. F. Robinson, Fred Sams, P. C. Stringfield and Kenneth Murray.

The honorary pallbearers will be: Drs. H. G. Brookshire, Frank Roberts, B. E. Morgan, A. C. McCall, A. B. Greenwood, J. L. Adams, J. G. Woodward, J. G. Anderson, D. M. Buck and H. S. Clark.

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