

# W. M. BANKS IS TAKEN BY DEATH

W E L L KNOWN MERCHANT  
BURIED IN Y A N C E Y  
COUNTY SATURDAY

W. M. Banks, 70, former resident of Madison and Yancey counties and well known business man, died at his home, 126 New Street, West Asheville, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at Paint Gap in Yancey County Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Pallbearers were to have been Harry Briggs, W. B. Lee, J. M. Fore, Clay Moore, W. C. Bugg and R. W. Horton.

Mr. Banks was born in Madison County where he engaged in the mercantile business. He later moved both his business and residence to Yancey county and went to Asheville in 1922. He was a member of the Baptist church and was noted for his charitable activities and genial kindness.

Surviving are four sons, Gay Banks, of Hendersonville; Carl, Coy and Grover Banks, of Asheville. His wife, Mrs. Lavada Banks, died December 7, 1923, soon after the family came to Asheville. 11/25/30