

IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT MERRITT CRANE

The Angel of Death has again visited Mrs. Margaret Crane and family and called from their presence Sergeant Merritt Crane, a beloved and devoted son and brother.

Mr. Crane was born and reared in Madison County. Died May 5, 1927, of ptomaine poison at Washington, D. C. His body was brought back to the home of his sister, Mrs. Jeter Mace of Marshall Sunday, May 8th.

He was laid to rest in the Henderson Cemetery, Monday about 10:30 A. M., with his father and other relatives who have outstripped him in the narrow lane of life. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Smith and Rev. Dell Sams of Marshall.

He has faithfully given 24 years of his life to the services of his country, besides 2 1-2 years of foreign services in Germany and Panama. If he had lived until March, 1928, he would have been a retired soldier, but God had greater honors for him than those ever given by man.

Alas, a dear one has gone, a place is vacant that can never be filled. The smile that will always linger in the hearts of his dear ones has faded, a voice they loved is still. Our preference would be to have him with us always, but we are content that God's will be done, not ours. In the passing of this dear one we are reminded that we, too, are mortal; soon shall we follow him. May his dear ones realize that one day their troubles will be over, and the pearly gates will swing open to receive them in that city where death is unknown.

We can only deeply and sincerely, and most affectionately sympathize with his immediate family and friends in their bereavement and remind them that God is waiting to fold the arms of His love and protection around those that put their trust in Him.

Dearest loved one, we have laid thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory shall be cherished,
Till we see thy smiling face.

SERGEANT MERRITT CRANE DEAD

Sergeant Merritt Crane, born and brought up in Madison County, died of ptomaine poison at a hospital in Washington, D. C., Thursday about noon, May 5, 1927, having been ill only since the previous Sunday. Sergeant Crane was 45 years old and had served in the Army for 24 years. Had he lived 10 months longer, he would have been a retired soldier. His headquarters were at Dupont, Delaware.

The body was brought to Marshall Sunday and the funeral and interment were at the Henderson Cemetery on Walnut Creek Monday about 10:30 A. M. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. L. Smith and Rev. Dell Sams of Marshall. The pallbearers were Messrs. George Rector, Sam Hunter, Dell Sams, Tom Anders, Fleet Nix, Charlie Rector, Bill Crow, Robert Cow. The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Crane, of Marshall; two brothers, Allen Crane of Greene Co., Tenn., and W. N. Crane of Murphy, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Millie Davis, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Matilda Mall, of Marshall.

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