

Judge Haas To Be Buried At 2:30 PM Today

Funeral Services Will
Be Held From His
Home

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Active In Civic Work
—Served 21 Years
On Bench

With the simplest of rites, Judge Talfourd Noon Haas who presided over the Rockingham-Page court circuit for 21 years and who was an outstanding figure in the public life of the city and county for years, will be laid to rest in Woodbine this afternoon.

Services will be held from the Haas residence on South Main street at 2:30, Rev. Beverly Tucker White, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Dr. Harry M. Canter, retired Methodist minister, officiating.

Judge Haas, who was 74 years old, died as the result of paralysis at 3:30 yesterday morning at Bluefield, W. Va., where he had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. S. Kemper since January 27. The body arrived here late yesterday. Members of the family upon their return home received many messages of condolence.

Chose Own Pallbearers

Only recently Judge Haas, who had been suffering from more rapidly re-occurring attacks of angina and realizing that the end was near, wrote out the list of pallbearers and made the simple funeral arrangements. He specifically requested there be no honorary pallbearers and no flowers.

The pallbearers selected were: A. U. Lewis, I. S. McNeil, Judge John Paul, Judge H. W. Bertram, John F. Noll, Dr. Henry A. Converse, D. Wampler Earman and E. D. Ott, of Harrisonburg, and Lynn Walton and John W. Mims, of Luray.

Judge Haas had suffered from attacks of angina for ten years. He had a severe attack last summer and then they became more frequent. He was able to be out working in his garden and down town talking with friends between attacks. He appeared as well as usual when he made the trip to Bluefield, but he had an attack the next day. He rallied and last Sunday was considerably improved. There was another attack and he lapsed into unconsciousness. However, his wonderful stamina fought off the end for 50 hours.

Worked for Hospital

Aside from his 21 years as a distinguished jurist, Judge Haas was noted for his untiring efforts in helping to organize and build up the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, of which he was president. In his earlier days he was just as active as a town councilman in starting the era of modern development of Harrisonburg, which included the expansion of the water system, the laying of sewer, the installation of the electric system, and the improvement of streets. All of this was accomplished with a minimum of taxes.

Judge Haas always was a student of government and taxation and wrote many pamphlets and articles. One of his pamphlets, "Our Economic Slough of Despond" was published just before his last illness. Much of the time in his later years was devoted to a study of old-age pensions.

Practiced Law After Leaving

Bench

He resigned from the bench in 1927 to become associated with his son, Hamilton Haas in the practice of law and his sound legal advice was frequently sought. He was a thorough student of law.

Judge Haas, a man of sound conservative business judgment, served as a director of the Rockingham National Bank for years and as its vice president for 11 years. He also was active as a vestryman in Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

On February 15, 1900, Judge Haas was united in marriage with Mrs. Bettie Conrad Logan who survives him with two children—Trial Justice Hamilton Haas, of Harrisonburg, and Mrs. Albert S. Kemper, of Bluefield, and two step-children, Conrad T. Logan, a member of the faculty of Madison College, and Mrs. William R. Smithey, University of Virginia. One sister, Mrs. John H. Christian, formerly of Lynchburg and now of Richmond, also survives.

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