

## LAST RITES OF R. F. STAPLES TO BE FRIDAY

Asheville Resident Served As Ridgecrest Assembly Manager For 11 Years.

Funeral services for the Rev. Raymond Fowler Staples, 66, of 150 East Chestnut street, who died unexpectedly yesterday afternoon, will be conducted at 2 oclock Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church Chapel, the Rev. John W. Inzer officiating. Burial will follow in Lewis Memorial Park.

Mr. Staples suffered a heart attack on Pack Square yesterday afternoon and was taken to the hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival there.

He was manager of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for 11 years and was a member of the board of directors of the Black Mountain Bank.

Ordained in Virginia

Mr. Staples was a native of Portsmouth, Va., and was the son of the late Samuel Alexander and Mary Ellis Staples. He attended Windsor Academy, Richmond College, and Crozier Theological Seminary. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity while at Richmond College.

He was ordained in the First Baptist Church at Staunton, Va., and for 20 years held pastorates in Orange, Luray, Emporia, Parksley and Cheriton, Virginia.

In 1905 he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Waff of Brunswick, Ga.

He came to Ridgecrest as manager of the Southern Baptist Assembly in 1925. He was instrumental in the reopening of the Bank of Black Mountain in 1931.

Mr. Staples gave up his work at Ridgecrest in 1936, retired and came to Asheville. At one time he was owner of the College Street Storage and Garage. He was active in Masonic work and was a Master Mason and a member of the Royal Arch Masons of the Fairfax Commandery, No. 25, Knights Templar, at Culpeper, Va.

Survivors Listed

He is survived by his wife; one son Raymond F. Staples, Jr.; one daughter, Mrs. C. David Blanton of Marion, N.C.; two brothers, S. A. Staples of Houston, Texas, and K. D. Staples of Culver City, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. C. Reid Hudgins of Waterford, Conn., and Mrs. Thaddeus Lassiter of Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Dunn-Groce and the body will be taken to the home at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Active pallbearers will be Charles M. Crow, Dr. J. A. Sinclair, Philip C. Cocke, Jr., T. W. Lipscombe, Charles D. Parker, W. C. Honeycutt, J. P. Ashley, R. J. Johnson, James Dotson and W. H. Powlas.

Comprising the honorary escort will be DR, R. C. Anderson, W. S. Cain, C. Hamlet Pettus, Will H. Holman, Richard T. Green, Frank Goldsmith, J. D. Blanton, Hal Brown, Dr. Paul Ringer, Dr. A. B. Craddock, Dr. A. S. McCall, S. G. Jones, M. R. Felkekl, Tom Cushing, W. M. Jamieson and Fred Smothers.