

The Life Story of --

Dr William S. Markham, 53

Dr William Stanley Markham, son of H. Everett and Winifred Williams Markham, was born Nov. 22, 1920 in Ottawa, Kansas where he grew to adulthood. He died very unexpectedly, in Lamar, Missouri on Oct. 12, 1974 at age 53 years, 10 months and 20 days. He was married to Elizabeth M. Gladson at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha, Nebr. on April 22, 1944. Ten children were born to this union. In May, 1945, he received his Doctor of Medical Science Degree from Creighton University in Omaha. He then took his internship in the U.S. Navy. Following this he served with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. After his discharge in May of 1952 he practiced medicine in California for a short time. In July of that year he was returning to Kansas when he was involved in an auto accident in Holton, Kansas. This resulted in the loss of his left leg. In 1955 he came to Harlan, Iowa where he associated with Dr R.E. Donlin and he has practiced medicine here since that time. Dr Markham was a staff member of the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan; he was a member of the Harlan Community School Board; a board member of the Health Planning Council of the Midlands of Omaha and he has been the Medical Examiner for Shelby County for several years. He had also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cheryl Lee, on Aug. 20, 1958 and by his parents.

Dr Markham is survived by his wife, Betty; his children - Michelle (Mrs Steven Mores) of Harlan; Bill of Omaha; Darley Jo (Mrs Steve Adams) of Omaha; Mark, attending Creighton University in Omaha; Mary Beth, attending Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, and Tim, Nancy, and the twins, Scott and Phillip, all at home.

He is also survived by his grandson, Marc Mores; two sisters - Elnora (Mrs Frank Rowan) of Tucson, Ariz. and Mrs Clarice Heenan of Live Oaks, California; by one brother - H. Everett "Bud" Markham of Chicago, Ill.; and other relatives and a great many friends.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1974 at St. Michael's church in Harlan with the Rev Anthony J. Palmer as celebrant. The concelebrants were the Rev Michael E. Sims, the Rev James A. Freeman of Defiance, the Rev LaVern Wingert of Avoca and the Rev Fred P. Reischl of Panama.

Burial was at the Harlan Cemetery. Honorary bearers were Dr G.E. Larson, Dr Wing Tai Fung, Dr Carl V. Bisgard, Dr Jos. H. Spearing, Dr Lawrence V. Larsen, John Sawin, Martin Zaccone, Henry Zimmerman, Elmer J. Norgaard and Raymond L. Tredway. Casket bearers were Max Plumb, Dr R.D. Harris, Richard O'Bryan, Dr R.E. Donlin, Ronald Davis, Orville Frazier, H. Clay Pauley and Robert Booth.