

**Pastors Eulogize The Rev. C. N. Riggan**

The gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article was a native of Warren County. He was a son of John W. Riggan, and was born Aug. 2, 1852 and died Dec. 5, 1922, in the seventy-first year of his age.

He was reared at Mountain View and in early boyhood attended the schools of the neighborhood and later was a pupil in the school of the late Prof. John Graham.

In early life, he made a profession of religion and united with Reedy Creek Baptist Church and continued in fellowship with that church as long as he lived.

He felt impelled to speak and pray in public, but being an inveterate stammerer, this seemed to be impossible. He, however, made it a subject of prayer, and the first time he was called on to pray found to his great joy that in praying he did not stammer; and after this he prayed and preached without an impediment in his speech. He was in considerable demand as an evangelist, and was remarkably successful as a soul winner, and nothing delighted him more than to engage in this kind of work.

He also taught many singing schools, and was exceedingly popular as a singing teacher. It was remarkable that the stammering boy was so freed from the impediment in his speech that he could successfully engage in the work above indicated.

December the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Endora B. Fleming, a daughter of the late Thomas Fleming of the Mountain View neighborhood.

Brother Riggan strove faithfully to serve God, and dying leaves behind him in addition to his wife, five daughters, one son, several grand children, a brother and sister and many friends who were devoted to him. Among those who loved him most tenderly is his granddaughter, Mrs. J. B. Powell, Jr., of Warrenton.

He was for many years a devoted friend of the writer, who sincerely appreciated his confidence and friendship.

His funeral was largely attended and the services at the grave consisted mainly of singing, which is the way he would have wanted it to be. His pastor, Rev. J. J. Marshall, Rev. N. W. Bobbitt and the writer spoke tenderly of his life and labors.

T. J. TAYLOR

Christopher Nicholas Riggan was born Aug. 2, 1852. He was the son of John W. and Sarah Riggan nee Miss Sarah Vaughan.

Brother Riggan was married to Miss Eudora Fleming on Dec. 23, 1873, to this union was born seven children, one son and six daughters, six of whom together with the widow survive him. One daughter preceeded him to the better Land.

Brother Riggan was converted and joined Reedy Creek Baptist Church soon after his marriage. He delighted in conducting Revival Meetings, Prayer Meetings and Singing Schools and spent much of his time in these three kinds of work. He loved his people his Church and his Lord. Brother Riggan had been in poor health more than a year. He was taken very sick Sunday night, Nov. 19, and passed to his reward at his home about 1 o'clock in the afternoon of Dec. 5. During his illness he had all the attention that could be given by his beloved wife, son, daughters, his grand daughter, Mrs. Powell and her husband, Mr. John Powell of Warrenton, Dr. Rogers and other friends and relatives.

He told one of his daughters that he was ready and willing to go.

The funeral was held at his home Wednesday afternoon Dec. 6, the writer was assisted by Brethren N. W. Bobbitt and T. J. Taylor in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. His remains were laid to rest in the family Cemetery at Mountain View, N. C.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones already mentioned, his brother, sister and other relatives and friends and commend them to the Lord who doeth all things well.

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