Mrs. Joe Person Laid to Rest Today

Remains Reached Charlotte Last Night From Sante Fe New Mexico — Masons Of Santa Fe And Others Shown Great Kindness.

In the house of friends, surrounded by those who loved her and esteemed her, the body of Mrs. Joe Person lay today while the last rites of the church with which she was associated—the Episcopal—were performed.

The burial service of the church was impressively read by Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, of St. Peter's Episcopal church. There was no music, the family prefering the simple service. The house and yard was filled with people representing the personal and business friendship of the great woman whose death has been a state grief and loss. A long line of carriages followed the remains to Elmwood, where the interment took place. The commitment service was read by Mr. Mallinckrodt and the grave covered with beautiful flowers from friends in Charlotte, Hickory and other cities, and so rests one of the most remarkable women the state has ever known, her work well done; her reward sure.

Acting as pall bearers were six druggists of the city representing personal friends of Mrs. Person as well as business friends of long standing: Mr. John S. Blake, of Blake's Drug Store and president of the Druggists' Association; Mr. O. F. Hawley, of Hawley's Pharmacy; Mr. Alphonse McLaughlin, of R. H. Jordan & Co.; Mr. J. P. Stowe, of J. P. Stowe & Co.; Mr. H. G. Harper, of J. M. Scott & Co.; Mr. M. M. Murphy, of Burwell & Dunn.

The remains of Mrs. Person reached Charlotte last night on the Statesville train, accompanied by Mrs. Person's sister, Mrs. Beard, of Hickory, and brother, Mr. Alfred Morgan. The remains and funeral party were met at the station by a number of friends. The remains were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Constable on North Church street, close personal friends of Mrs. Person and family.

Mrs. Beard, who accompanied Mrs. Person on her trip West, in conversation with the city editor of The News last night on the train, said that Mrs. Person had not been very well the afternoon before her death or the morning of her death, being troubled with indigestion. That day—Thursday, the 12th— she and Mrs. Person were to go out to get some curios. Mrs. Person, not feeling well suggested that Mrs. Beard go after breakfast and locate the curios shops and she—Mrs. Person—would go in the afternoon.

Mrs. Beard found the shops and returned to the hotel to tell Mrs. Person, between 10 and 11 o'clock. When she opened the door of their room she found Mrs. Person lying on the floor dead. Physicians were summoned but life had been extinct for possibly an hour, they said, Mrs. Person having died shortly after her sister left. Death, the physicians said, was instantaneous, being due to apoplexy.

Mrs. Beard did not know any one in the hotel or city. Telegrams were immediately sent to Mr. Rufus Person, Mrs. Person's son. He is a Mason. Masons in this city communicated with Masons in Sante Fe and a number of them hastened to Mrs. Beard and rendered her every assistance, taking charge of the remains and making all the arrangements for the trip home. One of the Masons accompanied Mrs. Beard to Memphis where a change of cars had to be made. Mrs. Beard left Sante Fe Friday morning. She was joined in Knoxville by her brother, Mr. Morgan, who accompanied her to Charlotte. Said Mrs. Beard last night: "I never met with greater kindness in my life than I did from the Masons, the hotel people where sister died, the physicians, and guests in the hotel. I was deeply touched by their kindness. Friends at home could not have been kinder than those strangers. I do not know what I would have done but for them and their goodness."

It was Mrs. Person's and Mrs. Beard's plan to go on to California, thence to Oregon and if Mrs. Person was not too unwell, to make the trip to Alaska.

Just a week from the day that Mrs. Person left Charlotte on the Statesville train, Capt. Claud Morrison conductor, her remains were brought back on Capt. Morrison's train. When she changed cars at Statesville she ran to Capt. Morrison saying in her quick, business-like way: "Give me your street number—want to send you some cards from the West." Capt. Morrison in speaking of her last night said: "She was the most remarkable woman I have ever known."

Here to attend the funeral were: Mr. Alfred Morgan, of Murphy, N. C.; Mrs. J. B. Beard and Miss Josephine Person, of Hickory; Mr. Wiley Morgan Person, of Louisburg; Mr. W. M. Person of Corey, Ala., and Mr. Guy V. Barnes, of Kitrells, to whom Mrs. Person sold her business, and who is president of the Mrs. Joe Person Remedy Co.