

William Austin

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ILLNESS FATAL TO WILLIAM AUSTIN, 11-YEAR-OLD BOY

William Maxwell (Billie) Austin, popular 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Austin, who has been critically ill at the City Hospital for the past several days, died early last night.

This popular youth was taken ill late Wednesday night at the home of his parents on Union street. He was carried to the hospital Friday, where he underwent an appendix operation, and his condition at once became worse, complications developing Sunday night, and in an effort to save the life of the little fellow a second operation was performed yesterday, but it was to no avail, and in the afternoon it was realized he had little or no chance to recover.

Billie, as he was affectionately known by his many little friends, was one of the most popular students in Preparatory High school. He was in the sixth grade and was one of the brightest as well as most conscientious scholars, and announcements of his untimely death today cast a shadow of gloom over the entire school, as well as the city generally.

Besides his parents the youth is survived by one sister, Virginia, 14, four aunts, Mrs. Helen Cheatham, of Atlanta; Miss Jennie Franklin, Mrs. May Anderson and Miss Joe Franklin, of this city.

Funeral services will be held from the First Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. L.A. Harrell. Interment will be in Oak Grove cemetery. Mortician Edo Miller is in charge of arrangements.

The following boys, selected from the junior board of stewards of the First Methodist church of which Billie was a member, will serve as pallbearers for their little playmate: Active, Burgay Staley, Edward Manoe, Jr., William Sheppard, Burkhart Henderson; honorary, Theodore Rogers, Joseph Whittle, Jarvis Wood and Harley Glover.

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MANY AT FUNERAL OF 11-YEAR-OLD BOY

A large number of sorrowing friends attended the funeral at the First Methodist church yesterday afternoon of little William Maxwell Austin, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Austin. Included were a large number of Preparatory High school children, with whom the little boy was very popular.

There were many beautiful floral offerings, sent by friends of the family and by playmates of the little boy and organizations with which he was associated. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery.

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