

Maria Blain

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Final Tribute is Paid Miss Blain by Local Friends

Impressive funeral services for Miss Maria C. Blain, who passed away Saturday morning, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Mark's Episcopal church, of which she was one of the founders. Dr. Royal K. Tucker, rector, conducted the services, paying high tribute to this remarkable Christian character. Dr. Tucker announced that a book of memory would be placed in the church, containing the names of all parishioners representing a perpetual thank offering in honor and memory of Miss Blain, who had played such a significant part in the early history of St. Mark's church.

Many beautiful floral tributes banked the chancel, attesting the love and esteem in which "Miss Maria" was held.

The funeral was attended by scores of friends, including detachments from the Brunswick Riflemen, of which Miss Blain was an honorary member; from the Oglethorpe Guards, and a delegation from the Brunswick fire department headed by Chief Harrison. In attendance were also representatives of the Clement A. Evans chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of which "Miss Maria" was honorary president, and the Maria C. Blain chapter, Children of the Confederacy. The city and county, the Masonic order, and the civic clubs of the city were also represented at the funeral to pay a last loving tribute to Miss Blain, who had become a real Brunswick institution, during her long and useful life.

The choir, composed of Mrs. W.M. Oates, Miss Sadie Dart, Mrs. Al Womack, Don Sheffield, and Dr. John Paul Jones, beautifully rendered two hymns, "Art Thou Weary" and "Thy Will be Done," while Guy Hackett, organist, softly played "Lead Kindly Light," preceding the service. These three hymns have been favorites in the Blain family for several generations, being sung at the funeral of Miss Blain's grandmother, and on through the years.

Services were concluded at the graveside in Oak Grove cemetery, Dr. Tucker officiating.

A military guard of honor accompanied the body to its last resting place where "Miss Maria" was tenderly laid to rest.

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