

Out of Town Firemen Man Stations For Chief Lloyd's Funeral - February 1955

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Found this interesting clipping from February 28, 1955, after Raleigh Fire Chief Alvin B. Lloyd died off-duty. He passed away at Rex Hospital on February 25. Died of a heart ailment. Reported the unidentified newspaper:

Out of Town Firemen Man Stations Here

Firemen from all over North Carolina were in the city yesterday for funeral services for Raleigh Fire Chief A. B. Lloyd, who died Friday afternoon at Rex Hospital from a heart ailment, and to relieve local firemen in order that they might attend.

Members of the following fire department stood by at stations in Raleigh to answer any alarms that might have come in: Cary, Greensboro, Wilmington, Durham, High Point, Winston-Salem, Apex, Burling, Greenville, Rocky Mount, and Goldsboro.

Assistant Chief R. L. Matthew expressed appreciation [on behalf] of Raleigh firemen for the courtesy and help given them.

Chief Lloyd's obituary as published in the February 26 issue of the *News & Observer*:

Raleigh Fire Chief Dies

Alvin Brown Lloyd, 63, chief of the Raleigh Fire Department, died of a heart ailment at Rex Hospital here about 12:35 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Edenton Street Methodist Church here. Officiating will be Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Charles K. McAdams, assistant pastor. Burial will be Montlawn.

The following members of the fire department will serve as pallbearers: R. L. Matthews, J. M. Burnette, J. W. Godwin Jr., J. B. Keeter, J. G. Harrison, and R. C. Lassiter.

Chief Lloyd entered the hospital Feb. 18, three days after suffering a heart attack, and remained there until his death. He had first been troubled with a heart ailment a few years ago.

Born in Granville County, he was the son of Duncan McRae Lloyd and Margaret L. Lloyd. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion, Raleigh Post No. 1, and the Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Chief Lloyd, who joined the Raleigh Fire Department July 26, 1919, had more years of continuous service than any member of the department. Promoted to lieutenant in 1926, he became a captain the following year, second assistant chief in 1939, first assistant chief in 1941, and acting chief in 1950. He was appointed chief April 1, 1950, succeeding W. R. Butts, who had resigned.

Chief Lloyd belong to the International Fire Chiefs Association, the State Firemen's Association, and the State Fire Chief's Association. He was a past district vice president of the latter organization.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Gladys Reeves of Madison County; a son, Harold Brown Lloyd of Granby, Quebec, Canada; two daughters, Mrs. J. K. Neely of Lafayette, La., and Mrs. Francis C. Edwards of Raleigh; four grand children; two brothers, G. Cleveland Lloyd of Oxford and J. Frank Lloyd of Raleigh; and two sisters, Mrs. Lee Rogers of Creedmoor, and Mrs. H. E. Shaw of Raleigh, Route 4.