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RALPH W. CRAWFORD

CRAWFORD, RALPH W.: T 26—F 31; Supply 1 year; Cal. 26 Portola; 27 Atlanta; 31 Sutter; 36 Tracy; Calif. 39 Goodwill, Stockton; 45 Asst. Prob. Officer, S.J. County; 46 Armona-Grangeville; 47 Armona; 58 Clovis; Cal.-Nev. 49 Clovis-Academy; 50 Sab-batical Leave; 51 San Joaquin; (2-15-55) McFarland; 59 Lamont; 61 Clearlake High-lands; 63 Retired.

Ralph W. Crawford was born at Dinuba, California, December 2, 1897, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crawford and the grandson of the Rev. Elvin F. Austin, a United Brethren minister. His home training related him to the church.

In preparation for the ministry he studied at the College of the Pacific in Stockton and graduated in 1931 with a sociology major.

He was united in marriage to Pearl Collins December 25, 1918. To this union were born one daughter (Pauline), Mrs. William Ramsey of Hayward; and three sons, William A. of Stockton, E. Wayne of Hanford, and Ralph W. of San Jose.

Ralph was Executive Secretary of the Stockton Goodwill Industries for about six years during the early stages of its operation there. He was a faithful and courageous minister of the gospel. His ministry was accompanied with a warmth and sincerity that made friendships last through the years. He was a good husband and father. His character and integrity are revealed in the lives of his sons and daughter.



In retirement he served as a volunteer Home Service Director of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the American Red Cross and as a Family Counselor to many troubled souls and through these services he made many devoted friends. He gave of himself untiringly in these retirement activities as he did in all of his ministry. He was author of the Family Counsel Column in the *County News* for the past four years. Ralph was a man's man and he was a man who could see the humorous side of life. He was a good minister of the Lord.

He passed away in a Santa Cruz hospital September 30, 1968 after a comparatively brief illness following surgery.

Funeral services were held in Santa Cruz October 2, 1968 with Arthur W. Schuck, District Superintendent; Arthur Jackson, Walter Gourley, and Fred A. Rinehart officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Memorial Cemetery, Santa Cruz. Mrs. Crawford will continue to live in the family home at 1250 Dougman Drive, Santa Cruz.

FRED A. RINEHART.

J. DOUGLAS EWAN

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"Life After Death"

"If I should die, and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others sore undone, who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake, turn again to life, and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do
Something to comfort weaker hearts than thine.
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you!"