

# Dr. Arthur Valk Dies; Pioneer Surgeon Here

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Dr. Arthur deTalma Valk, 75, of 652 Summit Street, a pioneer surgeon in Winston-Salem, died at 4:30 p.m. yesterday at his home. He had been in declining health a month and seriously ill two days.

He was born in Winchester, Va., to John E. and Rosalie Harriet Baker Valk. He spent his early life there.

Dr. Valk received his A.B. degree at St. John's College at Annapolis, Md., in 1906. He received an M.A. degree in 1911 at St. John's and his M.D. degree at Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1910.

He was resident house officer at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1910 and resident surgeon at Kernas Hospital for Children in Baltimore, Md., in 1911 and 1912.

He married Miss Anna L. Lewis in December 1912. She survives.

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Dr. Valk was a member of the surgical staff at City Hospital, Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Baptist Hospital.

He was a former professor of clinical surgery at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He joined the medical school staff when the department was created in 1914 by Wake Forest College.

He retired in 1957.

He was a former president of the Association of Surgeons of Southern Railway Co. He was a fellow in the American College of Surgeons, a founding member of the American Board of Surgeons, a member of the North Carolina Medical Society, the Southern Medical Society and the Forsyth County Medical Society.

He was a former member of the Rotary Club and the Forsyth Country Club. He was a member of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Mrs. T. L. Cox



DR. ARTHUR VALK

of Amherst, Va.; two sons, Dr. Arthur D. T. Valk Jr. of Greenville, Del., and Dr. Henry L. Valk of 2828 Club Park Road; a sister, Mrs. R. Duncan Brown of Summit, N.J.; and six grandchildren.

The body is at Voglers Chapel pending arrangements.

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# Dr. Valk's Funeral Scheduled

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TW in City Sentinel

A graveside service for Dr. Arthur deTalma Valk, 75, of 652 Summit Street, pioneer Winston-Salem surgeon, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem Cemetery by the Rev. Dudley Colhoun.

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The body will be taken to Salem Cemetery from Voglers Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

# Dr. Arthur D. Valk

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WHEN death claimed Dr. Arthur de-Talma Valk Thursday afternoon its bony fingers touched many Winston-Salem lives and homes. Dr. Valk, 75, had been in retirement for five years, but he had practiced here for more than 44 years and was once the community's only surgeon.

Surgeons didn't specialize as they do now when Dr. Valk came to Winston-Salem nearly a half century ago, so he performed all sorts of operations from the relatively simple tonsil and appendix removals to surgery in its most delicate forms. The intensely human interest, su-

perb professional skill and strong sense of dedication which he gave this service soon won for him a wide clientele and a reputation as one of the state's best surgeons—a reputation he enjoyed for the rest of his life.

Aside from his brilliant labors as a surgeon, among the major contributions of Dr. Valk to the welfare and progress of the community and state was the cooperative role he played in the development of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the Private Diagnostic Clinic at the Baptist Hospital. His contributions in other ways were also many. Keenly interested in all phases of progress in medical science, he was an active member and officer in various local, state, regional and national professional groups. Indeed, his strong faith in the healing profession and his deep devotion to it must have been strong influential factors in the decision of his two sons to become physicians. This contribution in itself comes as a great gift from Dr. Valk to the society he loved and served so long and well.