

## Stafford "Dick" Riffe October 5, 1889 – November 18, 1915

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### ANSWERS FINAL SUMMONS

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The slender thread, that for the past ten days has been almost at the breaking point between life and eternity, was severed at 11:30 o'clock this morning when the spirit of Stafford (familiarly known as Dick) Riffe took its flight into the great beyond. The end was not unexpected, was peaceful and characteristic of the heroic efforts of the victim in life to bear his sufferings uncomplainingly and to look upon the inevitable with Christian fortitude.

Mr. Riffe was taken sick last February and had to resign his position in the department store, where he was a popular employe. What was regarded as rather a slight illness at that time, finally developed into tubercular trouble, which failed to yield to the best of medical attention and skillful nursing, he being for four months in a hospital near Salem, Va., and was brought home about three weeks ago in a hopeless condition. His decline has been gradual ever since and the end, as stated, brought no surprise.

Dick Riffe was a splendid young man and loved and respected by all who knew him. He was manly, courteous and kind and his leave-taking in the morning of life, when the future was so promising, makes his exit from this fleeting existence peculiarly and unusually sad. The writer knew him long and well and can unhesitatingly testify to his good traits and exalted character. A request of his ere death intervened was that friends forbear from sending flowers to cover his mortal remains, and that the money to be thus used, be given for the furtherance of the work of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Riffe was the second son of the late J. A. Riffe and is survived by his widowed mother, Mrs. Ella W. Riffe, three sisters, Mrs. R. R. Woolf and Misses Mary Stuart and Margaret Riffe, of this city, and two brothers, Dr. J. A. Riffe, of Fire Creek, and Jay Riffe, of Copper, Hill, Tenn. He was a member of the Methodist church, a Mason and an Elk, and was 26 years of age.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Methodist church, Saturday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Richardson, at 3 o'clock and the interment will follow in the family plot on the hillside, near the Catholic cemetery.

We extend sympathy to his mother, sisters and brothers in their irreparable loss.