

Wade Shifflett

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Throngs Gather To Pay Tribute To W. Shifflett

Civic leaders, city and county officials, friends and business associates assembled at Webber Funeral Parlors Wednesday afternoon to pay final tribute to the late Wade Shifflett.

Mr. Shifflett, retired Napa lumber company executive, succumbed in the Merritt hospital in Oakland, two weeks after a major operation.

He was 63 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Lee Vernon, after which fitting tribute was paid by the Napa Lodge of Elks under the direction of Exalted Ruler Herschel Webb. Mr. Shifflett was for years a prominent and active member of this organization.

Entombment was made at Tulocay Memorial Mausoleum.

Pallbearers were: Percy King, Harold Doughty, James Pritchett, Egbert Smith, Walter Bamburg and Murray Longhurst.

Mary E. Shifflett, his widow, and a son, Wade Shifflett, Jr., student at the University of California, survive.

Deceased was a native of Grinnell, Iowa. After graduating from an Iowa college, Mr. Shifflett entered the lumber business, eventually coming to Napa on February 4, 1917, to assume management of the Napa Lumber Company. In 1922 he acquired an interest in the business.

Over a period of years the firm acquired other lumber holdings in near by communities, and in 1929 Mr. Shifflett purchased half interest in the concern.

The Napa Lumber Company was sold to the Hammond Lumber Company in 1943. Mr. Shifflett retained ownership of the realty and remained with the firm as general manager. Only a few months ago he retired from active association with the firm.

Besides his affiliations with the Elks Lodge, Mr. Shifflett was a member of the Napa Valley Country Club, the Napa Valley Horseman's Association and was a director of the 25th District Agricultural Association.

In respect to the former company official, The Hammond Lumber Company offices in Napa, St. Helena, Calistoga, Sonoma, Clear Lake Highlands, Boyes Springs and Healdsburg remained closed Wednesday.