

## Mrs. Springs, 66, Dies At Fort Mill

FORT MILL, S. C. (AP)—Mrs. Frances Ley Springs, widow of the founder of the Springs Cotton Mills complex, died Saturday at her home here. She was 66.

Mrs. Springs and Col. Elliott White Springs were married Oct. 4, 1922. They had two children, Anne Kingsley, and Leroy Springs II, who died in an airplane crash in Lancaster in 1946.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Springs was the daughter of Harold A. Ley, an industrial builder and contractor and a member of a prominent Massachusetts family.

Her daughter is married to H. William Close, who took over as president of the Springs textile organization after the Colonel's death in 1959.

Col. Springs was considered

one of the textile leaders of his day. He was especially known for the advertising campaigns for Springmaid sheets.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the home in Fort Mill. Burial will be in Unity Cemetery.

Friends may call at Wolfe's Funeral Home, Fort Mill.

## Mrs. Elliott Springs Dies

Mrs. Frances Ley Springs, widow of Colonel Elliott White Springs, former head of the Springs textile organization, died Saturday, September 17, in her home in Fort Mill. She was 66.

Mrs. Springs was active in Springs Mills, Inc., serving on the board of directors.

She was the former Frances Hubbard Ley of Springfield, Mass., daughter of a prominent Massachusetts family. Her father, the late Harold A. Ley, was an industrial builder and contractor.

Mrs. Springs had lived in Fort Mill since her marriage to Colonel Springs, Oct. 4, 1922. Colonel Springs was president of the Springs organization from 1931 until his death, Oct. 15, 1959.

Mrs. Springs made her home in the old White Homestead, antebellum family home of Colonel Springs' grandfather, Captain Samuel E. White, who founded the first unit of what later became the Springs textile organization.

Colonel and Mrs. Springs had two children, Leroy Springs, II, who died in 1946, and Anne Kingsley Springs, now Mrs. H. William Close of Fort Mill.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Close, are two sisters, Mrs. Ramon Hubbell of Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Mrs. Margaret Kent of Bronxville, N. Y.; a brother, Harold A. Ley, Jr., of New York City; and eight grandchildren, all of Fort Mill, the four sons and four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Close.

Funeral services were held in the family home in Fort Mill at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 19. Interment was private.

Mrs. Springs took an active interest in the Springs organization during her entire married life and following Colonel Springs' death.

On Sunday, September 11, just six days before her death,



MRS. SPRINGS

she attended the fourth annual meeting of the Springs Mills Twenty-Five Year Club at

Springs Park, near Lancaster.

She had been a director of Springs Mills, Inc., the Springs selling organization, since January 3, 1947, and she had been a director of The Springs Cotton Mills, the manufacturing organization, since April, 1960. She continued as a director when the sales and manufacturing companies merged in 1966, changing the name to Springs Mills, Inc.

Mrs. Springs served as co-executor of Colonel Springs' estate and was co-trustee of several charitable trusts established by Colonel Springs and their daughter, Mrs. H. W. Close.

In addition, she had been a member and a director of the Elliott White Springs Foundation since 1942; a director of Leroy Springs & Co. since 1940 and a member since 1941; and a director of Marion Sims Memorial Hospital since 1959.

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