George William Lees





Rank: - Private

Number: - M/404857

Regiment: - Army Service Corps (Formerly 94115 RAMC, 30719 AVC) Army Service Corps (M.T.)

Died in Croydon of Influenza/Pneumonia: - 05/11/1918 Age: 20 years

Cemetery: - Birstall (St. Peter) Churchyard Extension A. 863. (In North-West part)

Batley News, 9 Nov 1918 (photo)

Family Details

George William was born in Batley on the 19th April 1898 the son of Walter and Mary Ann Lees (nee Wriggles) and was baptised at St. Saviour's Church, Brownhill on the 26th January 1899 on the same day as his cousin, Martha Alice Wriggles, when the family lived at 37, Intake Lane, Batley. Both their fathers were miners.

Walter and Mary Ann had married at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on the 15th December 1894 and Emily was born in 1895. George William was born in 1898 followed by Joseph 1900 and Arthur 1902.

In 1911 the family was still at 37, Intake Lane, Batley. The census shows another child had died in infancy.

George attended Brownhill day school, St. Saviour's Church and Sunday School and was employed before enlisting at Messrs. J.T. & J. Taylor's Cheapside Mills, Batley. He was connected with Birstall Tent of Rechabites.

The family moved to live at 36, Brookroyd Lane, Birstall

Service Details

George enlisted and went to France in 1917 as a member of the Army Veterinary Corps but was wounded and invalided home and then transferred to the A.S.C.

He developed influenza which turned to pneumonia and died at the War Hospital, Croydon on Tuesday 5th November 1918.

George William was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial and Birstall War Memorial Addenda.



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