

William John Abel

(- 17 Sep 1934)

Abel, William J. Suddenly on Monday, September 17, 1934, William J., beloved husband of Elizabeth Abel and son of Annie L. and the late Thomas W. Abel. Funeral from his late residence, 513 5th st. s.e., on Wednesday, September 19, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Four Die, 18 Hurt Over Weekend In Traffic Accidents Two of Victims Succumb After Crash of Bus and Auto Five Others Injured In Same Collision Companion Hunted – Riverdale Woman Killed Near Home, Driver's Name Withheld

Four persons are dead and 18 others injured, a number of them seriously, as a result of weekend traffic accidents here and on nearby Maryland roads.



JOHN W. ABEL.

The dead are John William Abel, 24 of 513 Fifth street southeast; James A. Flood, 64, of 648 B street northeast; Mrs. Frances Bateman, 65, Riverdale, Md., and Roger Du Boise, ?0, of 1011 Montana avenue northeast.

Abel and Flood were fatally injured when the car driven by Abel, in which Flood was riding, crashed into a bus at Eighth and East Capitol streets about 4 a.m. today. Five other persons were hurt in the accident, three of them seriously.

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Man Is Sought

Police are seeking an unidentified man who is said to have left the scene of the accident in which Abel and Flood lost their lives without making known his identity. He is thought to have been a passenger in Abel's car. A check is being made of all hospitals to ascertain whether he applied for treatment.

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Police report that the car driven by Abel was going at high speed when it struck the bus. Both machines were badly damaged.

Asks Military Burial

Both Abel and Flood were badly mangled. They were taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Flood died shortly after arriving there and Abel about two hours later.

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Abel was a tinner. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Annie L. Abel, with whom he lived; four brothers, Robert, Albert, Howard and Bernard Abel, all of Washington, and five sisters, Mrs. Estelle Rhine of Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Susie Downs, Pohick, Va.; Mrs. Laura Cranford, Fort Humphries, Va.; Mrs. Viola McMurray and Miss Catherine Abel, both of Washington.

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