

Mary Adelaide Bedford

(- 3 Oct 1949)

Bedford, Mary A. Suddenly on October 3, 1949, at Fredericksburg Va., Mary A. Bedford of 5926 13th pl. n.w., wife of Walter Daye Bedford of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter of Carline S. Ratrie and the late John Stewart Ratrie, sister of Mrs. Alice Ann Luly, jr., and Miss Carline Myrna Ratrie. Remains resting at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w.

The Evening Star, October 5, 1949 p. A12

Mrs. Mary Bedford Rites To Be This Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Bedford, 20, of 5926 Thirteenth placee N.W. were to be held this afternoon at Trinity Episcopal Church, Piney branch road and Dahlia street N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mrs. Bedford, a clerk at the American Automobile Association here, died Monday in a hospital at Fredericksburg, Va., as a result of injuries received the day before when the motorcycle on which she was riding struck a safety island near the Virginia city and overturned.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Carline Ratrie of the Thirteenth place address, a teacher at the Capitol Heights (Md.) Elementary School,, and the late John Stewart Ratrie.

Mrs. Bedford, who was separated from her husband, also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Alice Ann Luly and Miss Myrna Ratrie, both of the Thirteenth place address, and a son, John, 2.

The motorcycle was operated by John T. White, jr., also of Washington, who was injured in the crash.

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AAA Typist Killed as 'Cycle Hits Safety Island on Route 1

A Washington woman died Monday in a Fredericksburg, Va., hospital of injuries received in a motorcycle accident near there early Sunday.

She was Mrs. Mary Adelaide Bedford, 20, of 5926 13th pl. nw. Her companion, John T. White, jr., of 3500 Highwood dr. se., was said to have sustained a broken collar bone but has been released from the hospital.

The accident occurred about 1 a.m. Sunday when the motorcycle operated by White struck a safety island on Route 1 near Fredericksburg, skidded and overturned.

Members of Mrs. Bedford's family said she and White were on their way to Richmond to watch motorcycle races when the accident occurred.

White is slated to appear at a Spotsylvania County Trial Justice Court hearing October 21 on a reckless driving charge.

A native of Washington, Mrs. Bedford attended public schools here. She was employed by the American Automobile Association as a secretary.

She and her husband, Walter Bedford, of New Orleans, were estranged. They have one child, John, 2, who has been hospitalized here since birth with a gland disease.

Mrs. Bedford is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Carline Ratrie, a teacher at Capitol Heights, Md. Elementary school, and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Ann Luly and Miss Myrna Ratrie, all of the 12th pl. address.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today from Trinity Episcopal Church, Piney Branch rd. and Dahlia st. nw. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.