Alfred Russell Betts

(1893 - 1 Apr 1948)

Betts, Alfred Russell. Suddenly, on Thursday, April 1, 1948, at Sibley Hospital, Alfred Russell Betts, beloved husband of Catherine L. Betts, father of Mrs. Dorothea L. LaHayne, Mrs. Mildred E. Shellhouse and Mrs. Catherine L. Everett; grandfather of Arthur A. and Charles E. Shellhouse, Mary Catherine Everett and Barbara LaHayne. Friends may call at this late residence, 1805 Mass. Ave. s.e., until 10 a.m. Monday, April 5. Services at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th st. and Mass. Ave. n.e., at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Betts, Alfred R. A special communication of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F.A.A.M., is hereby called for Monday, April 5, 1948, at 1 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 13th st. and New York ave. n.w., to conduct Masonic services at the funeral of our late brother, Alfred R. Betts.

Howard H. Jackley, Master Arthur M. Robinson, Secretary

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Alfred Betts Funeral Rites Set Monday

Funeral services for Alfred Russell Betts, 54, retired Navy Yard master mechanic, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Massachusetts ave. ne. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Betts, who lived at 1805 Massachusetts ave. se., died unexpectedly Thursday at Sibley Hospital. A native Washingtonian, he attended Southeastern University and was employed at the Navy Yard from 1910 until 1945. In 1933 he was appointed master mechanic of breech mechanism and gun shops, a post once held by his father, the late William G. Betts. During his career at the Navy Yard he worked on all types of naval guns from 1-pounders to the largest tooled in the shops.

He was a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F.A.A.M.; Capitol Forest, 104, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and the Scottish Rite.

Mr. Betts is survived by his wife, Mrs. Catherine L. Betts; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothea L. LaHayne, Mrs. Mildred E. Shellhouse and Mrs. Catherine L. Everett and four grandchildren, all of Washington.