

## William P. Boteler

(3 Jun 1859 - 22 Jan 1901)

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**Boteler.** On Tuesday, January 22, 1901 at 3:50 p.m. after a short illness at his residence, 225 C street southeast, Willie P. Boteler, beloved husband of Florence Lillian Boteler (nee Cross) in his 42nd year. Funeral from Epworth M.E. Church (South) 7th and A streets northeast, Thursday the 24th inst. at 3 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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### Death of a Guardsman

#### Lieut. Boteler of National Rifles Succumbs to Heart Disease

Lieut. Will P. Boteler of the National Rifles died Tuesday afternoon of heart trouble at his residence, 225 C street southeast. He was out as usual on Monday, the 21st instant, attending to business, and went home at his accustomed time at 5 o'clock in the afternoon to dinner. When he reached home he complained to his wife of a slight attack of indigestion. Subsequently, his condition growing alarmingly worse, his physician was called in, and diagnosed his case at once as heart trouble. Heroic efforts were immediately resorted to to save his life, but without avail, death ensuing twenty-four hours afterward. Lieut. Boteler was well and favorably known in the business community of this city. He was born here, forty-one years since, and has lived a life of usefulness. He was a prominent member of Trinity Methodist Church, and was noted for his many charitable deeds, being always ready and willing to assist the poor and afflicted.



He was a lieutenant in the National Rifles and one of its most popular members. For twenty years he had been actively identified with that organization, was one of its charter members and a member of its board of directors. He had been for many years secretary of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of this city, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of that corporation for his well-known integrity, business qualifications and uprightness of character. His wife, formerly Miss Florence Gross, to whom he was married twelve months since, and one son, Mr. Shock Boteler, by a former marriage, survive him. His first wife was a granddaughter of Commodore W.H. Shock, U.S.N.

The untimely death of Lieut. Boteler will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends in this city. The National Rifles will meet this evening at the armory to take suitable action on his death. The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

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### Lieut. Boteler Buried

#### Services Held Late This Afternoon--Tribute by His Comrades

The funeral of Lieutenant Will P. Boteler of the National Rifles of this city, whose death was announced in yesterday's Star, took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Epworth M.E. Church South, corner of 7th and A streets northeast.

The National Rifles held a special meeting last evening to take suitable action on the death of its deceased comrade, Lieut. Boteler. Capt. Glendle B. Young presided and almost the entire membership of the company was present. The commanding officer feelingly referred to the death of Lieut. Boteler, and eulogistic tributes were paid the deceased by Capt. James F. Oyster, Lieuts. George W. Evans, Joseph O. Manson, Willis B. Magruder and Sergt. Henry K. Simpson.

It was unanimously resolved that a special committee of three, consisting of Capt. Oyster, Lieut., Manson and Sergt. Simpson, should be appointed to draft proper resolutions of respect to the memory of Lieut. Boteler, and that the same be suitably engrossed and made a part of the records of the company and a copy furnished the family of the deceased.

It was also resolved that as a further mark of respect to the dead floral offerings be laid upon his coffin, that the flag of the armory building be placed at half-mast until after the burial and that Lieut. Boteler's picture hanging in the armory be draped in mourning for a full period of thirty days; also that the company in citizen's dress, attend the funeral in a body. Lieuts. Evans and Magruder were selected on the part of the company as pallbearers. The interment was made at Congressional cemetery.