

## Karl William Breuninger

(8 Nov 1832 – 20 Apr 1908)

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**Breuninger.** On Monday, April 20, 1908 at 6 a.m., William, beloved husband of Josephine Breuninger. Funeral from his late residence, 453 Massachusetts avenue northwest, Wednesday, April 22 at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited. Interment at Congressional cemetery (New York City and Philadelphia papers please copy).

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### Funeral of Karl Breuninger

#### Services To Be Held At Family Residence Here

#### Old Resident of Washington Succumbs to Heart Failure -- Native of Germany

The funeral of Karl Wilhelm Breuninger, the dean of manufacturing jewelers in Washington, whose death was announced in The Star yesterday, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the



Karl W. Breuninger.

family residence, 458 Massachusetts avenue northwest. The services will be conducted by Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, and the interment will be at the Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Breuninger's death occurred yesterday after a long illness. He met with an accident in May 1905 when his right hip was fractured. Having only partially recovered from the effects of the mishap he suffered from many complications since. The direct cause of his death was given its heart failure. He was in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

The following will officiate as honorary pallbearers: Charles T. Nutze, Paul VonEricksen, William Nordhoff, Rudolph Saur, Robert Leading, Rudolph Schwickardl, Jacob Emig, James Smith and Alexander Douglas. The active pallbearers will be Walter DeVaughn Harrison, Odell Whipple, J. Clarence Price, Charles Schaaft, James Bessling and J. William Lehmann.

Mr. Breuninger's wife Josephine, one son, Arthur; five daughters, Mrs. Thomas T. Johnstone of Evanston, Ill., Miss Louise Breuninger, Mrs. W. Sanford Brown, Miss Magdalen Breuninger, Miss Thusnelda Breuninger; four grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter survive him. Also his brother, John Henry Breuninger, who is in his ninetieth year, and many nieces and nephews in this country and Germany.

#### Sketch of His Career

Mr. Breuninger was a native of Germany, having been born in Hunzelsan, Wurtemberg, November 8, 1832. He was early confirmed in the Lutheran Church. At the age of nineteen he left his fatherland, after spending some years in the city of Stuttgart. In the city last mentioned he became proficient as a "golt-arbeiter," to which craft his father and ancestors belonged for many generations.

From 1852 to 1861 Mr. Breuninger established himself in Philadelphia, where he married Josephine Fritz and where his two eldest children, Wilhelmina and William Frederick were born, the latter having died in 1886 at the age of twenty-six years.

At the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Breuninger came to Washington, locating his business in the Old Bank of Washington, later on C street between 9th and 10th northwest, and then on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue between 9th and 10th streets, when he opened at 929 Pennsylvania avenue, where his establishment, is now located.

Mr. Breuninger enjoyed the honor of being the original designer and manufacturer of the United States Marine Corps device when the corps was in its infancy. His loss in the city of Washington where he was so long a resident, will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends and business acquaintances, who admired him for his sterling character.