

Martha J. Cowan

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Cowan, Martha J. On Thursday, July 7, 1955, at her residence, 3028 8th st. se., Martha J. Cowan, beloved wife of the late Robert H. Cowan. Funeral services at the Simmons Bros. Funeral Home, 1661 Good Hope rd. se., on Monday, July 11 at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Funeral services for Martha J. Cowan, 84, who retired in 1945 after serving as a matron with the Metropolitan Police Department for 33 years, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Simmons Funeral Home, 1661 Good Hope rd. se. Burial will be in the Congressional Cemetery.

Mrs. Cowan, the widow of Robert H. Cowan, secretary of the International Association of Machinists until his death in 1909, died Thursday at her home, 3023 8th st. se., Congress Heights. She had been ill for several months.

A native of Westernport, Md., Mrs. Cowan began her police work as a matron attached to the First Precinct. She was assigned to the Women's Bureau at the time she retired.

She was the last of a family of 10, her six children having predeceased her. Five grandchildren survive. The Electra Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was a member, will hold memorial services at the funeral home today at 8 p.m.

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Mrs. Martha Cowan, Retired Matron in Police Department

Mrs. Martha J. Cowan, 84, a retired matron in the Women's Bureau of the Police Department, died Thursday after an illness of several months at her home at 3023 Eighth street S.E.

Mrs. Cowan joined the Police Department in 1913 as a matron at No. 1 Precinct. She retired from the Women's Bureau in 1945 after 32 years of service.

Born in Western Port, Md., Mrs. Cowan is the last of a family of 10. She was the mother of six children, all of whom are dead. Her husband died in 1909.

She is survived by five grandchildren: Dorothy M. Connick, of 2824 Hurst terrace N.W.; Marjory E. Crumbaugh, 4118 Fessenden street N.W.; Carl H. Liessler, Fairfax, Va.; Virginia E. Stroud, Linden, Ind., and G. Robert Cowan, of the Air Force.

The Electa Chapter of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Cowan was a member, will conduct services tonight at 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the Simmons Brothers Funeral Home, 1661 Good Hope road S.E., tomorrow at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.