

## Joseph L. Custer

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**Custer.** Suddenly, August 5, 1923, Joseph L Custer. Funeral from his late residence, 2214 Eye st. n.w. Friday, August 10. Friends and relatives invited.

**Custer.** A special communication of George C. Whiting Lodge, No. 22; F.A.A.M., is called for 1 o'clock p.m. Friday, August 10, for the purpose of attending the funeral services of our late brother, Joseph L. Custer. By order of the worshipful master.

Reuben A. Bogley, Secretary

*The Evening Star, August 6, 1923, p. 11*

### **J.L. Custer Drowned Swimming In River**

Joseph L. Custer, thirty years old, 2214 I street, was drowned while swimming in the river between Fort Foote and River View, Md., yesterday afternoon.

Custer accompanied a number of friends on a motorboat trip to a point some distance below Alexandria yesterday, and while several members of the party were swimming he suddenly disappeared beneath the surface of the water.

Friends made unsuccessful efforts to rescue him and later failed in a search for the body. Custer was a splendid swimmer, it is stated, and friends think the accident resulted from cramps. James W. Orme, one of his employes, today accompanied police of the harbor to the scene. Police this afternoon are dragging for his body.

*The Washington Post, August 8, 1923, p. 5*

### **Drowned Man's Body Found**

#### **Funeral Services for Joseph L. Custer to Be Announced Later**

The body of Joseph L. Custer, 30 years old, 2214 I street northwest, who was drowned Sunday near Fort Foote, was recovered yesterday afternoon by harbor police. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of accidental death.

Custer, who was an employe of Emerson and Orme Co., was on an outing with friends in a motorboat. They were swimming when Custer went down. His friends made unsuccessful attempts to recover the body and notified police.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later, it was said at the Custer home last night.