

Rose L. DeFrain

(- 5 Oct 1908)

DeFrain. On Monday, October 5, 1908 at 2:30 p.m., Rose L., beloved wife of David DeFrain. Funeral services at her late residence, 707 Rhode Island avenue northwest, Thursday, October 8 at 3 o'clock p.m.

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Bridal Was Too Late

Mother Dies Before Seeing Daughter Wedded

Delayed Getting License

Young Groom Sent Back to Get Parents' Signatures

Found Bride's Mother Dead

Joy and Sorrow Mixed in Romance of

Miss DeFrain and Edward Meininger

A mother's thought for the future happiness of her daughter when the shadows of death were surrounding her is recalled today in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Robena M. DeFrain of 707 Rhode Island avenue northwest and Albert Edward Meininger of 2017 9th street northwest, which was solemnized yesterday afternoon at Rockville by Rev. Ernest L. Wolfe, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church of that place.

Calling her daughter to her bedside yesterday morning the mother, who has been seriously ill for several months said, "Robena, I want to see you safely married. Can't you have the ceremony performed today?"

The daughter realized that her parent was within the shadow of death and agreed to have the marriage solemnized at once.

Ceremony Performed at Rockville

She lost no time in communicating with her fiancé, and he agreed at once that they should go to Rockville and have the nuptial knot tied. The young man is but eighteen years of age, while his bride is several months his junior. He speedily obtained the written consent of his parents in the marriage and hurried away with his bride-to-be to the Maryland Gretna Green. Here he applied for a license to wed, but the clerk of the county court announced that the letter was not sufficient, but that he should have a printed blank filled out and signed by two witnesses to the signatures of his parents. Young Meininger left Miss DeFrain at a hotel and hurried to the city to obtain the necessary signatures. He then returned to Rockville, where the ceremony was performed.

Found Bride's Mother Dead

Mr. and Mrs. Meininger came at once to the home of the bride, and as they passed the portal the young woman was informed that her mother had died at 2:30 o'clock, several hours before.

"If I had not been compelled to come back to Washington to obtain the signatures of my parents the second time," said the groom this afternoon, "we would have arrived here before Mrs. DeFrain died. As it was, we were delayed and came too late to see her alive again."

Instead of going on a wedding trip the young couple will follow the body of the bride's mother to the grave in Congressional cemetery Thursday afternoon. The services will be held at the residence on

that afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Power, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church.

Besides the husband and daughter, Mrs. DeFrain is survived by five brothers, Norman, William, Reese, George, D. Hazen and Benjamin Harrison McLeod, all of this city.