

## Viola C. DeShields

(1863 – 4 Sep 1931)

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**DeShields, Viola C.** On Friday, September 4, 1931, at 5 p.m. at her residence, 123 5th st. n.e., Viola C. DeShields (nee Leach), wife of the late William H. DeShields, mother of Mrs. Frank T. Chamberlin and Charles B. DeShields, captain, U.S.A., and sister of Mrs. B.L. Jacobs, Harry T., George W. and Eugene W. Leach. Funeral Monday, September 7 at 11 a.m. from her late residence. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

**DeShields, Viola C.** A special meeting of Martha Chapter, No. 4, O.E.S. is to be held Monday, September 7, 1931 at 10 a.m. in Naval Lodge Hall, 4th st. and Pa. Ave. s.e., to attend the funeral of our late sister, Viola C. DeShields. Members of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons' Association are requested to attend. By order of the worthy matron.

Evelyn S. Hursh

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### **Mrs. Viola C. DeShields Dies at Residence Here**

#### **Prominent Methodist and Lodge Worker Will be Buried Monday**

Mrs. Viola C. DeShields, a lifelong resident of Washington and prominent in lodge and Methodist Church affairs here, died yesterday at her home, 123 Fifth street northeast following an illness of several months.

Born in Washington in 1863, Mrs. DeShields was a charter member of Martha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, served as chairman of the board of directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and likewise for the Methodist Home for the Aged. She was the wife of the late William H. DeShields, former chief of the special assessment division of the District of Columbia government. Mrs. DeShields was a past worthy matron of the Eastern Star Order.

She is survived by a son, Capt. Charles B. DeShields, United States Army Air Corps, commanding officer at Phillips Field, Aberdeen, Md., a daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Chamberlain, 118 Chestnut avenue, Takoma Park, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Benjamin L. Jacobs, Livingston Heights, Va., and three brothers, Harry T., George W. and Eugene Leach, all of Washington.

The funeral will be held from Mrs. DeShields late residence Monday morning at 11 o'clock and interment will be in Congressional Cemetery. The Martha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will attend the services.