

Dorothy R. DellaLana

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DellaLana, Dorothy R. On Tuesday, October 2, 1962, at St. Elizabeths Hospital, Dorothy R. Dellalana of 3200 16th st. nw., beloved wife of Frank Dellalana. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th st. and Massachusetts ave. ne., where services will be held on Friday, October 5, at 11:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



DOROTHY DELLA LANA

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Dorothy Della Lana, 80 Ex-Musical Star Dies

Dorothy H. Della Lana, 80, who under the stage name of Dorothy Hutchinson sang in musicals here, in New York and New Orleans during the 1900-1930 era, died Tuesday at St. Elizabeths Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Washington, Mrs. Della Lana in her teens sang principal roles in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas here, including "Pinafore" and "The Gondoliers."

Around the turn of the century, she was engaged by the French Opera Company in New Orleans, where her roles, included "Siebel" in the opera "Faust."

She appeared on the New York stage as "Kundri" in the dramatic version of "Parsifal;" where she staged and performed the "Ritual Dance."

She was understudy to Christie McDonald in the Broadway operetta, "The Belle of Mayfair," and later sang the leading role when the company played the National Theater here.

Her other Broadway performances included the role of "Tina" in "The Red Mill" and the "French Doll" in the musical "Top of the World."

She was singing soprano with the Sterling Trio vocal ensemble in New York in 1922 when she met the tenor, Frank Della Lana. They were married in 1924, and returned to Washington to teach voice culture until their retirement in 1934.

He survives her at the family address, 3200 Sixteenth street N.W.

Mrs. Della Lana donated her talents to the Spanish Relief, the Jewish Consumptive Relief Service, the Red Cross and to Epiphany Episcopal Church, where she sang in the choir.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Lee Funeral Home, Fourth and Massachusetts avenue N.E. Burial will be Congressional Cemetery.