

Frank DellaLana

(- 24 Apr 1974)

Della-Lana, Frank. On Wednesday, April 24, 1974, Frank Della-Lana of 3200 16th st. n.w., beloved husband of Elizabeth Della-Lana; brother of Mrs. Albert LaCerra, Charles and Ernest Della-Lan. Friends may call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, 5130 Wisconsin ave. at Harrison st. n.w. (parking on premises), on Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., where services will be held on Monday, April 29, at 3 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Frank Della Lana, Soloist With Congregational Church

Frank Della Lana, 83, a lyric tenor who was a soloist at the First Congregational Church here for a number of years, died Wednesday in Sibley Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He lived on 16th Street NW.

Mr. Della Lana, a native of Naples, Italy, came to the United States at the age of 10. He lived in Jersey City, N.J., until entering the military in World War I.

After the war he joined Johnny Hyde's minstrel show, "The Seven Honey Boys," a troupe that toured the country. Later he sang with the Sterling Trio, whose soprano member was Dorothy Hutchinson of the District. He and Miss Hutchinson were married in 1923. She died in 1962.

The Della Lanas toured the vaudeville circuit until the end of that era, after which they settled in Jersey City and he became an agent for the Prudential Insurance Co. At the same time he continued studying voice and sang in New York churches and synagogues.

In 1928 the Della Lanas moved here, and he became soloist at First Congregational Church. He also was a featured vocalist on WRC radio during the 1930s.

Mr. Della Lana sang lieder, oratorios and arias as well as the songs of his native Italy. For many years he taught bel canto singing in New Jersey and here. His last professional appearance was at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church here in 1971.

He leaves his second wife, Elizabeth two brothers and a sister.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Ave. NW, with burial in Congressional Cemetery.