

## Eliza (Bessie) Wadsworth Dessez (1854 – 20 Mar 1945)

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**Dessez, Bessie Semmes.** On Tuesday, March 20, 1945 at her residence, 3815 Jenifer st. n.w., Bessie Semmes Dessez, beloved wife of the late Leon E. Dessez and mother of Captain J.H.S. Dessez and Elizabeth S. Dessez. Funeral from her late residence on Thursday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery

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### **Mrs. Dessez, 88, Member Of Old D.C. Family Dies**

Mrs. Bessie Semmes Dessez, 88, member of an old Washington family, died early today at her home, 3815 Jenifer street N.W., after a long illness.

Daughter of the late John Harrison and Eliza Robertson Semmes. Mrs. Dessez was born and educated in this city. Her father was the foster brother of Admiral Raphael Semmes, Confederate naval officer. Her husband, Leon E. Dessez, architect of Miner Teachers' College, died here in 1918.

Mrs. Dessez leaves a son, Capt. J.H.S. Dessez, stationed at the Navy Department, and a daughter, Miss Elizabeth S. Dessez, librarian at Western High School.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the residence. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.