

John Thomas Disney

(- 2 Apr 1932)

Disney. Suddenly, on Saturday, April 2, 1932, John T., beloved husband of the late Caroline Disney. Funeral from his late residence, 5411 Eighth street northwest, on Monday, April 4 at 2:30 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Remains can be seen at the above address after 4 p.m.

The Evening Post, April 3, 1932, p. A1

Barber Gives Customer Shave and Finds Him Dead in Chair

Elderly Man Who Patronized Shop for Years Had Habit of Falling Asleep

For years it had been the habit of John Thomas Disney 79 years old to fall asleep while being shaved in a barber shop near his home at 5411 Eighth street.

Yesterday Disney, a retired employe of the Washington Railway & Electric Co., came in as usual and was soon relaxed in a chair under the ministrations of Vito L'Erario.

The barber was not surprised when his customer seemed unaware that the shave was over. He was unable to arouse Disney, however, and summoned Dr. George B. Heinicke of 5436 Georgia avenue.

Disney must have died while being shaved, as the physician pronounced him dead on arrival. Dr. Joseph D. Rogers, coroner, issued a certificate of death from natural causes.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Disney came to Washington almost 60 years ago and had resided here since. He was employed, up to the time of his retirement two years ago, as a night watchman at the East Capitol street car barns.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Raynor, and three grandchildren, Mrs. Lillian Higdon, Miss Lillian Disney and Miss Kathryn Disney, all of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence, and interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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J.T. Disney Dies In Barber's Shop

Native of Baltimore Suffers Heart Attack; Funeral to Be Tomorrow

John T. Disney, 79 years old, of 5411 Eighth street northwest, suffered a heart attack as he sat in a barber's chair in a shop at 5501 Georgia avenue yesterday morning, and died 15 minutes later. Dr. George B. Heinicke, of 5634 Georgia avenue, was called by employes of the shop, but Mr. Disney succumbed a few minutes after the doctor reached the shop.

Members of his family said he had never been sick in his life, and was apparently in the best of health and spirits when he left home yesterday morning.

Mr. Disney, a native of Baltimore, had lived in Washington for 60 years. For many years he was employed by the Washington Railway & Electric Co., but retired two years ago. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Rayner, and two granddaughters, Miss Lillian and Miss Katherine Disney. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock at the residence, with interment in Congressional Cemetery.