

## Robert L. Dodson

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**Dodson, Robert L.** Suddenly on Wednesday, September 6, 1933, at Martinsburg, W. Va., Robert L. Dodson, the beloved husband of Myrtle Dodson (nee Brown). Funeral services at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Edna Barrett, 466 E st. s.w. on Friday, September 8, at 8:30 a.m.; thence to St. Dominic's Church, where mass will be offered at 9 a.m. for the repose of his soul. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Arrest In Theft To Follow Crash**

#### **Washington Trio With Dodson, Killed Near Martinsburg, to Be Quizzed**

Three Washingtonians who survived an automobile crash, fatal to a fourth member of their party, near Martinsburg, W. Va., yesterday, will be held by Washington police for questioning in connection with the reported theft of the car in which they rode.

Detective Sergt. Hugh Robey of the auto squad has gone to Martinsburg, although a special dispatch from that city to The Star this morning said two of the three were released from a hospital there before the West Virginia officers were asked to hold them for Washington police.

#### *Crash Held Accidental*

The crash was declared accidental by a coroner at Martinsburg yesterday.

Robert L. Dodson, 23, 466 E street southwest, who was killed in the crash, is said to have told Daniel Fitzpatrick, one of the injured, that he had borrowed the car from a friend. Police here said, after verifying motor numbers in telegraphic communication with police at Martinsburg, that it had been reported stolen in the Capital.

#### *Firtzpatrick in Hospital*

Firtzpatrick is the only member of the party now in the hospital. The other two -- Mrs. Irma Turner Chernault, Virginia Highlands, and Charles Kennedy, 23, 459 E street southwest -- were released from the hospital late yesterday.

The accident occurred when the car in which the Washington party was riding crashed head-on into one driven by Robert Wellinger of Martinsburg in a dense fog. Wellinger was not seriously injured.

Dodson's body was brought back to Washington for burial.