

## Francis A. Dony

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**Dony, Francis A.** On Tuesday, October 26, 1948, at his residence, 7724 Aberdeen rd., Bethesda, Md., formerly of Anacostia, D.C., Francis A. Dony, beloved husband of Charlottte E. Dony (nee Barr), father of



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Mrs. George M. Parsella and Mrs. Earl B. Riemenn; brother of Mrs. H.I. Entwistle and Mrs. R. Harlin Brown. Friends may call at the Simmons Bros. Funeral Home, 2007 Nicholas ave. s.e. Funeral services at the Anacostia Methodist Church, 14th and You sts. s.e., on Thursday, October 28, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Funeral Rites Today For Francis A. Dony**

Funeral services for Francis A. Dony, 72, for many years chief of the Printing Division of the Post Office Department, were to be held at 2 p.m. today in Anacostia Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. Mr. Dony died Tuesday in his home, 7724 Aberdeen road, Bethesda, after a long illness.

Mr. Dony began his career as a railway mail clerk, but in 1907, transferred to the Post Office Department here. He completed 42 years of service before his retirement in 1942.

In charge of all form and poster printing as the department's printing clerk, he also earned a reputation as an expert engrossing artist and practiced this art of elaborate handwriting both on official documents and outside his office. He had learned how to engross through a correspondence course.

He also was an amateur painter, and a painting he executed of a mail train now hangs in a gallery in Warsaw, Poland, according to his family.

Born in Milford, Pa., Mr. Dony came here as a boy and was educated here. He was a member of the Anacostia Methodist Church for more than 55 years and was active as an officer of Masonic organizations.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Charlotte E. Dony; two daughters, Mrs. George M. Parsells of Arlington and Mrs. Earl B. Riemann of the Bethesda address, and two sisters, Mrs. I.H. Entwistle, 1224 North Carolina avenue N.E., and Mrs. R. Harlin Brown, North Troy, Vt.