James Rutherford Dooley

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The Washington Post, July 6, 2000 James Rutherford Dooley Fairfax Public Works Official

James Rutherford Dooley, 83, who retired in 1981 as director of maintenance and construction from what is now the Fairfax County Public Works and Environmental Services Department, died July 2 at Sunrise assisted living community in Springfield. He had a heart ailment.

Mr. Dooley, a resident of Alexandria, was born in Washington. He worked at water purification plants throughout the area before joining the Fairfax sanitation division in 1953.

He received the Water Environment Federation's William D. Hatfield Award for distinguished service and was commodore of the Capitol Yacht Club.

His first wife, Dorothy Fisher Dooley, died in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Gover Dooley of Alexandria; five children from his first marriage, James Dooley, Jr. of Burke, Richard Dooley of Chantilly, John Dooley of Springfield, William Dooley of Alexandria and Sharon Monroe of Knoxville, Tenn.; four stepchildren, Carolyn D. Estes of Alexandria, Kathryn L. Gover of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Hope Beggs and Breeze Gover, both of St. Mary's County; a brother, Paul Dooley of King George, Va.; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.