

Richard F. Dougherty

(- 23 Apr 1942)

Dougherty, Richard. F. On Thursday, April 23, 1942, Richard F. Dougherty, beloved son of Effie K. Kenner, brother of Mrs. Effie Downs and Mrs. Blanche Knapp. Services at Chambers funeral home, 517 11th street southeast on Saturday, April 25 at 8:30 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Former Patient At St Elizabeths Ends His Life

Apparently despondent because of ill health, Richard Daugherty, 41, a paroled patient from St. Elizabeths Hospital, shot and killed himself at his home 2316 Nicholson Street Southeast yesterday.

He fired a bullet from a .22-caliber rifle into his left temple about 8:30 a.m., police said. His mother, Mrs. Effie Kenner, found him lying on the floor of a basement garage. He was dead when a doctor arrived from Casualty Hospital.

Detectives were told that the man had threatened to kill himself several times since being paroled from St. Elizabeths two years ago. A certificate of suicide was issued by Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald.