

## **Dr. Hugh Clarence Duffey, Sr.** **( - 31 May 1924)**

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**Duffey.** Suddenly Saturday, May 31, 1924, H. Clarence Duffey, Md., beloved husband of Marie Duffey. Funeral (strictly private) from the chapel of John R. Wright Co., Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Interment in Congressional cemetery.

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### **Physician Ends Life Near Chain Bridge**

#### **Dr. Hugh Clarence Duffey Commits Suicide After Intense Suffering Body Found By Campers**

#### **Says Good-Bye to Three-Year-Old Daughter Saturday**

Despondency over the intense suffering to which he was subjected by an injured hip and worry over a court suit filed against him some time ago as a result of an automobile accident, caused by Dr. Hugh Clarence Duffey, fifty-five, 929 O street, to end his life Saturday by cutting his throat while seated on a rock on the Virginia side of the Potomac River, a short distance above Chain bridge.

Dr. Duffey probably took his life late in the afternoon, but it was not until yesterday afternoon that members of the family of John A. Mirguet, 1223 K street, camping near the river, found the body. The body was in a sitting position at the water's edge the knife with which the deed was committed clutched in the right hand.

Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, had been asked to institute a search for Dr. Duffey, who had been reported missing from home since Saturday afternoon. It was while police searchers were making inquiries about the city in an effort to trace the missing physician that his body was found. The physician's automobile was found parked a short distance from his body.

#### *Left Home Saturday*

Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock Dr. Duffey left home. He kissed his three-year-old daughter Margaret an affectionate farewell and in response to her inquiry said he was "going out." That was the last time he was seen alive by any member of his family. Hugh Clarence Duffey, jr, son of the physician, yesterday morning asked the police to make every effort to find his father.

Detective Robert Livingston and officials of Arlington and Fairfax counties, Va., went to the spot where the body was found. The body was in Fairfax County only a short distance across the Arlington County line, and the official investigation was conducted by officials of the former county. Odell S. Smith, friend of the Duffey family, and Dr. Roger W. Duffey, druggist of 3400 11th street, brother of the deceased, took charge of the body and had it removed to Wright's undertaking establishment.

The deceased was a native of Hillsboro, Md. and had been a resident of this city since he was sixteen years old. While employed in a drug store he studied medicine in night classes at Georgetown University and graduated with high honors. His son, Hugh Clarence Duffey, will graduate from George Washington Medical School this week. So acutely did Dr. Duffey suffer from the hip trouble that he recently consulted Dr. Henry L. Taylor a bone specialist, in New York.

Dr. Duffey is survived by his widow and five children. Besides Hugh Clarence Duffey, jr., the sons are Depue, Horace and George Duffey, the daughters being Mrs. S.D. Kramer, Marne apartments, and the three-year-old child. Mrs. Charles Jarrell, Hillsboro, and Mrs. Oscar Clark Denton are sisters of the deceased.

The physician was prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, and had taken an active interest in the Eastern Star home. He was a member of the Board of Trade and Medical Society of the District of Columbia. He was a member of the board of directors of Home Mutual Building and Loan Association, McLachlen Banking Corporation and National Bank of Washington.