

## Emma L. Eckstein

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**Eckstein, Emma L.** On Monday, December 12, 1955, at her residence, 512 Tulip ave., Takoma Park, Md., Emma L. Eckstein, beloved daughter of the late William F. and Annie Eckstein. Friends may call at the Takoma Funeral Home, 254 Carroll st. nw. (Parking lot opposite). Services at the Church of The Reformation, 212 E. Capitol st., on Wednesday, December 14, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Miss Emma Eckstein, Served Transit Firm Here 53 Years**

*by Carter Gorska*

Miss Emma, almost a legendary figure around the Capital Transit Co., is dead. She died Monday at her home, 512 Tulip avenue, Takoma Park, Md., at 84.

Miss Emma's full name was Miss Emma L. Eckstein, but during her 53 years with Capital Transit and its predecessors, she was just Miss Emma, the epitome of a lady. She retired from the transit company in 1943, but those who came after her still heard about Miss Emma, the perfect employe.

Miss Emma never was late and never missed a day at work, and if she claimed that was true, you can bet it was, Capital Transit officials said.

### *Long Sleeves in Summer*

Miss Emma wore black cotton stockings summer and winter, and her summer dresses always had long sleeves. She never thought of appearing outdoors without a coat and hat, even in the hot Washington weather. Her hair was long and dark brown and just lately it had become flecked with gray. She wore it braided and knotted in the back of her head.

Miss Emma had more than 53 years' service. Her father William, was superintendent of the Seventh street horse-car barn, and as a child Miss Emma helped him with his bookkeeping. She officially joined the company when it was the Washington-Georgetown Railway. That was on April 3, 1890. She was the company's first woman employe. When the company eventually evolved into the Capital Transit Co., Miss Emma found she had spent 53 years in the treasurer's office as a clerk.

"Miss Emma was an ultra conservative who thought the sun rose and set on the streetcar tracks," a Capital Transit man said. "She left the company when I came, but you can bet I heard a lot about Miss Emma."

### *Born in Washington*

She is survived by a nephew, Donald Smith, with whom she lived: four nieces, Mrs. Estella Kandle, 1302 Merrimack avenue, Hyattsville, Md.; Mrs. Helen McManemin, 5207 Ventnor road, Green Acres, Md.; Miss Louise M. Eckstein, 4544 Forty-third place N.W.; Mrs. Marie Doxon, Margate City, N.J., and a nephew, Fred Anderson, Takoma Park.

Services were to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Church of the Reformer, 212 East Capitol street, with burial in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Emma L. Eckstein**

Emma L. Eckstein, whose retirement in 1943 capped 53 years of service with the Capital Transit Co. and its predecessors, died Monday at her home, 512 Tulip ave., Takoma Park. She was 85.

Miss Eckstein, who lived with her great-nephew, Donald M. Smith, had been bedridden since she broke her hip in a fall 10 years ago.

She began her career as a clerk with the Washington & Georgetown Railroad in 1890. Three years before she retired, CTC's board of directors congratulated her, saying her 50-year service record was "indeed unique if not unparalleled among women in the transit industry."

Until her illness, Miss Eckstein was an active member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol st., where services will be held at 2 p.m. today. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.