

Joshua Evans, III

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Joshua Evans, Banker's Son, Dies in South District Student Injured in Auto Crash, Is Victim of Pneumonia

His condition weakened by a long – and apparently successful – fight against infantile paralysis, Joshua Evans 3d, son of a Washington banker and a student at George Washington University, died yesterday of pneumonia, following injuries suffered Saturday in an automobile accident near Hamlet, N.C.

Death came in a hospital at Hamlet with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, jr., at the bedside. The elder Evans is a vice president of the Hamilton National Bank. Mr. Evans phoned news of his son's death at 2:34 in the afternoon to officials at the bank here.

Was to Be Leiter Guest

Meanwhile, it was understood, young Evans' companions on the fatal auto ride, Angelica Lloyd, 19-year-old Washington debutante, and Randall Hagner, jr., 21-year-old son of a well known Washington real estate operator, had recovered from their injuries and continued on to Aiken, S.C., to the house party Evans was to have attended with them.

Hostess at the house party was Miss Nancy Leiter, a Washington debutante of last year, daughter of the late Joseph Leiter, Chicago grain king.

The accident occurred last Saturday. Evans was the most seriously injured. In his message to friends here yesterday, however, the youth's father said pneumonia which developed Sunday, was believed to have been the direct cause of death.

Mr. Evans rushed to his son's bedside Sunday. Mrs. Evans followed Monday.

Recovered From Paralysis

To all outward appearances, at least, young Evans had achieved complete recovery from infantile paralysis. He was first ill in the summer of 1931 and was, for a time, partly crippled.

He was sent to the Warm Springs Foundation at Warm Springs, Ga., made famous by President Roosevelt, and with the aid of specialists there and the institution's therapeutic baths, staged a remarkable recovery. He was able after a long and courageous fight to lead an active life, although he constantly remained under the watch of physicians.

The Evanses have two other children, Phillip, a student at Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., and Mary Anna, who is studying at the Maderia School.

Evans was graduated from St. Alban's School in June, 1932. A special merit award was granted him at commencement exercises in recognition of his work for the school in the face of his illness. He was able to attend the exercises and received his diploma from a wheel chair.

The young man was a senior at George Washington University when he died. With almost an "A" record, he had a scholarship average considerably higher than that required for Phi Beta Kappa. At class exercises at the university last June he received the Morgan Richardson Goddard prize, which is awarded to the members of the junior class making the highest average in the fields of business administration, economics, foreign commerce and accounting.

The previous year he won the Daughters of the American Revolution prize in history.

He was a member of the university chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

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Defeats Malady To Die In Crash

Joshua Evans, 3d, Friend of President, Succumbs at Hamlet, N.C.

Joshua Evans, 3d, victor in a courageous battle against the crippling effects of infantile paralysis, died yesterday at Hamlet, N.C., of injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday night.

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Joshua Evans, Banker's Son, Buried Today

Friends at University and Fraternity Brothers to Aid at Funeral

Funeral services for Joshua Evans 3d, son of the Washington banker and Mrs. Evans, will be held in St. Alban's parish this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, followed by private burial in Congressional Cemetery.

Young Evans, a senior at George Washington University, a distinguished student and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, died in a hospital at Hamlet, N.C., Tuesday of injuries suffered in an automobile collision. Pneumonia which set in, was the immediate cause of death.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Philip, who is a student at Pomona, California, and a sister Marianna, attending the Madiera School.

Honorary pallbearers will include schoolmates and friends of Evans. They will be William Asher, Ralph Burgess, James Dern, Midshipmen Hayne Ellis, jr, Robert Wright Fleming, Randall H. Hagner, jr., J Gilbert Nettleton, jr., Frank Sterrett and Charles H. Thompkins, jr.

Others will be Cary T. Grayson, jr., and William E. Jackson, representing St. Alban's School, and Edmund C. Burnett, jr., Bruce Kremer, and Robert B. Henkins, representing Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Richard W. Dear, jr., William Blum, Mark Sullivan, jr., and James Henderson.

Stricken with infantile paralysis when he was ready to graduate from St. Albans School, young Evans had built up his strength to a remarkable degree during the last five years. A helpless invalid for a year, he refused to give up his studies, and was prepared to enter George Washington University when 18 years old.

Congratulated by President

Evans was known personally to President Roosevelt, who saw him at Warm Springs, Ga., where he was a patient for six months. At the White House reception for the judiciary in 1935 the President met Evans and congratulated him on his recovery.

Evans, who lived at 3405 Lowell street, was a popular member of the younger set in Washington.

En Route to Aiken, S.C.

With Angelica Lloyd, 19, a debutante of last year, and Randall H. Hagner, jr., 21, son of a Washington real estate man, Evans was en route to Aiken, S.C., to attend a house party at the time of the accident. Miss Lloyd and young Hagner were only slightly injured. Both youths were rendered unconscious by the crash, and Miss Lloyd, although bruised and shaken, extricated herself from the car and obtained aid of a passing truck driver.

Excellent Career at G.W.

As an undergraduate at George Washington University he continued his excellent career as a student with almost a straight "A" record and an average considerably higher than that required for election to Phi Beta Kappa. At night class exercises last June he received the Morgan Richardson Goddard prize, which is awarded to the member of the junior class making the highest average in economics, business administration, foreign commerce and public accounting. The medal was presented

to him by his mother, a trustee of the university. In 1935, as a sophomore, he also won the D.A.R. Prize in history.

He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Besides his parents, young Evans is survived by a brother, Philip, a freshman at Pomona College, and a sister, Marianna, a student here at Madeira School.

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