

William E. Ferguson

(12 Jan 1869 – 16 Dec 1956)

Ferguson, William E. On Sunday, December 16, 1956, William E. Ferguson of 908 South Carolina ave. s.e., beloved husband of Alice E. Ferguson, father of Evelyn F. Rohlfing, Ruth A. Mackie and Leona Harrison; grandfather of Maude Klatta and Frances Caulfield. He also is survived by two great-grandchildren. Friends may call at the Robert A. Mattingly Funeral Home, 131 11th st. s.e., where services will be held on Wednesday, December 19, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, December 18, 1956, p. A18

William E. Ferguson, 86, Nightwatchman for DAR

William E. Ferguson, 86, who was nightman at DAR headquarters here until a few weeks ago, died Sunday at Sibley Hospital. He would have been 87 on January 12.

"Everybody knew and loved him. He was a wonderful gentleman," Manager Harold Maynard declared. Mr. Ferguson was responsible for the group of buildings between Seventeenth and Eighteenth and C and D streets N.W., including Constitution Hall and Continental Hall.

He lived in Washington all his life. For many years he was in the tailoring business on H street S.E. After his retirement, he was a guard in the Commerce Department before going with the DAR nine years ago. He and Mrs. Ferguson lived with their daughter, Mrs. Ruth A. Mackie, 906 South Carolina avenue S.E. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church at Sixth and G streets S.E.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Alice E. Ferguson, and his daughter, Mrs. Mackie, he is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Evelyn F. Rohlfing, 1619 Thirtieth street S.E., and Mrs. Leona Harrison, 914 South Carolina avenue S.E. Two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Robert A. Mattingly funeral home, 131 Eleventh street S.E. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Mattingly funeral home, 131 11th st. se., for William E. Ferguson, retired night watchman for the Daughters of the American Revolution Headquarters here. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Ferguson, 86, died Sunday at Sibley Hospital after retiring because of an illness several weeks ago.

The buildings in the area bounded by 17th, 18th, C and D sts. nw., including Constitution Hall, were under Mr. Ferguson's charge as night watchman.

A native of Washington, he operated a tailor shop on H st. se. for many years. He was a guard at the Commerce Department prior to beginning the DAR job nine years ago. He and his wife, Alice, lived with a daughter, Ruth A. Mackie, at 908 South Carolina ave. se.