

## Amelia Anna Fossum

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**Fossum.** On Thursday, December 13, 1906 at 8 p.m., Amelia Anna Fossum, beloved wife of Andrew Fossum and loved mother of Paul and Edith Fossum having just passed her 34th birthday. Funeral Tuesday, December 18 at 10 a.m., from the Church of the Reformation, B street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, conducted by Rev. John Wileby.

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### **Took Carbolic Acid**

#### **Death Of Woman Results From A Mistake**

Thinking she was taking a drink of milk and whisky, Mrs. Annie Fossum, thirty years of age, who was a resident of Dakota avenue, Woodridge, swallowed a mixture of milk and carbolic acid last night, and twenty minutes later was dead. Mrs. Fossum was visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie T. Freitag, at the home of the latter, Queen's Chapel road and Montello avenue, Winthrop Heights, at the time she took the fatal dose. Dr. John F. Dorsey of Langdon was summoned, but the condition of the patient was so serious that he was unable to save her life.

Mrs. Fossum's father died a short time ago, leaving his widow in a nervous condition. The daughter frequently called at the house to comfort and look after the welfare of her mother, and was there last night when the physician made a professional visit to Mrs. Freitag. It was only a short time after Dr. Dorsey left the house that Mrs. Fossum made the mistake of taking the carbolic acid bottle instead of the one that contained whisky. The physician was then summoned a second time, as stated.

It is explained that Prof. Fossum, husband of the deceased, is in the west. He was notified of the occurrence. The arrangements for the funeral will not be made until he is heard from. The body of Mrs. Fossum was taken to the undertaking establishment of J. William Lee today and prepared for burial.