

## Hortense Giesecking

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**Giesecking, Hortense M.** Suddenly on Saturday, January 14, 1939, Hortense M. Giesecking, beloved daughter of Frederick C. and the late Rose Giesecking. Remains resting at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Massachusetts avenue n.e., where services will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Woman Is Found Dead, Telephone in Hand**

Hortense Giesecking, 42, was found dead in her apartment in the 1700 block of K street N.W. last night by a telephone company "trouble shooter" investigating why there was a constant busy signal on her telephone.

The telephone was clasped firmly in the dead woman's right hand, the receiver off the hook.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald said he would perform an autopsy today to determine the cause of death. Capt. Ira E. Keck, assistant chief of detectives, said investigators' found a sleeping potion bottle near the body.

A friend of the dead woman told detectives she had talked incoherently in a telephone conversation about 11 a.m. yesterday. She apparently had been dead several hours when found.