

Aloysius B. Griffith

(- 25 Dec 1952)

Griffith, Aloysius B. On Thursday, December 25, 1952, Aloysius B. Griffith of 704 Third street northwest, husband of Carolyn Griffith, father of Mrs. Eulahe G. White Luberoff, grandfather of Capt. Dorothy E. White Nelson, WAC. Prayers at Chambers Funeral Home, 1400 Chapin street northwest on Monday, December 29 at 9 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 10th and G streets northwest at 9:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



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Griffith, Aloysius. The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia announces the death of our late Associate, Aloysius B. Griffith on Thursday, December 25, 1952. Interment Monday, December 29, Congressional Cemetery.

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Walter L. Lyddane, Secretary

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Aloysius B. Griffith, Entertainer, Collector And Artist, Dies at 92

Aloysius B. Griffith, retired showman, collector and amateur artist, died yesterday at Emergency Hospital. He was 92.

Mr. Griffith was a native and life-long resident of the District. His career in the theatrical world dated back to World War I with entertainment for servicemen in most of the country's major theaters.

Mr. Griffith -- "Griffe" -- as he was known professionally -- specialized in imitations such as Barnum's steam calliope and a Fourth of July celebration. Known as the Man of Many Noises, his vaudeville skits, which included ventriloquism and tap

dancing, appeared on the same bill as Mme. Schumann-Heink and other noted artists.

He had worked as late as 1941 with Walt Disney in Hollywood.

He was an employe of the Patent Office for 53 years. As a youth, his hobby of sketching pictures of world celebrities brought about a friendship with the late Star cartoonist, C.K. Berryman, who also was employed at the Patent Office at that time.

Collected Celebrith Sketches

Mr. Griffith's collection of autographed crayon, water color and black and white celebrith sketches was one of the largest of its kind.

Mr. Griffith was a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants. At the age of 90 he entertained the members with one of his old vaudeville acts.

Until his retirement from the Patent Office about 20 years ago, Mr. Griffith was given an annual leave of absence to return to the stage.

Mr. Griffith's collection of theater programs totaled more than 2,000. His favorite was one announcing the play staged at Ford's Theater the night Lincoln was assassinated.

Mr. Griffith was born on Ninth street between G and H streets N.W. He attended Gonzaga College.

Used Talents to Advantage

He used to say that he had been all over the world -- using his talents whenever he needed money. Often, he said, he left Washington with only a few dollars in his pockets and returned "rolling in dough."

He had made his home with his wife, the former Miss Carolyn Byram of Washington, at 704 Third street N.W. They were married in 1885.

In addition to his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Eulalie G. White Luberoff of 1954 Columbia road N.W., and a granddaughter, WAC Capt. Dorothy E. White Nielson, stationed at Fort Mason, Calif.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.