

Frances E. Griffith

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Griffith. On Saturday, March 17 at her residence, No. 723 9th street northwest, Mrs. Frances E., widow of Wm. E. Griffith aged 79 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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Death of Mrs. Frances E. Griffith

Mrs. Frances E. Griffith, widow of Wm. A. Griffith, died at her residence, No. 723 9th street northwest, early this morning, in the 80th year of her age. Mrs. Griffith was born in Washington, and has always lived here. She was the daughter of John and Milly Sanford, and her childhood was spent in East Washington, near the marine barracks, her father having been a warrant officer in the marine corps. When yet in her teens she married Mr. Wm. A. Griffith of Baltimore, who had come to this city to do the carving upon the capitals of the granite columns of the treasury building, and who subsequently carried on an extensive business in marble working. Mrs. Griffith had resided in the house where she died for over 50 years, and for more than that time she has been a devout member of St. Patrick's Church.

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Funeral Services Over Remains of Mrs. F.E. Griffith

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Frances E. Griffith, widow of Wm. A. Griffith, were held at her late residence, 723 9th street northwest, yesterday afternoon. Rev. J.F. McGee, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Gloyd, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and Rev. Father Hannan, pastor of St. Anthony's. Father McGee spoke beautifully of the deceased, the purity and charity of whose life, he said, was an example for all. He mentioned her devotion to her religious duties and the fact that her last illness was the result of her generous devotion to the poor and afflicted.

The casket was covered with beautiful floral tributes, and the rooms were filled with relatives and friends. The interment was at Congressional cemetery, the pallbearers being the sons of the deceased, Messrs. James A., Aloysius B. and Joseph I. Griffith, her son-in-law, Dr. Franklin T. Howe, and two grandsons, George A. and Franklin T. Howe, jr.

This morning grand high mass in Mrs. Griffith's memory was celebrated by Rev. Father McGee at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Solos were sung by Mrs. Clara Flint, who gave "Lead, Kindly Light " Mrs. Paulina Maina, who sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and Miss Mary Helen Howe, who sang Gounod's "Ave Maria," with violin obligato played by Mr. Sol Minster.

This afternoon funeral services were held over the body of Mrs. Eliza L. Wales, who had lived with Mrs. Griffith for twenty years, and who died Sunday morning. Rev. Father Gloyd officiated. The remains were placed in a vault in Congressional cemetery.