

## Mary Rose Houchen

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**Houchen, Mary Rose.** On Sunday, April 2, 1947, at MarSalle Nursing Home, Mary Rose Houchen, wife of the late William R. Houchen; sister of Lael Tench Rose of Washington, D.C. Friends may call at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw., from 6 to 9 p.m., April 4, where services will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at 11 a.m. (parking facilities). Interment private.

*The Evening Star, April 4, 1967, p. B4*

### **Mrs. Houchen, 92, Retired Teacher**

Mrs. William R. Houchen, 92, an elementary school teacher in the District area for many years died Sunday at the MarSalle Nursing Home after a long illness. Her home was at 2900 Connecticut Ave. NW.

A native of Washington, the former Mary Rose began her teaching career in 1890. She attended night classes at George Washington University and was graduated cum laude.

Mrs. Houchen taught mostly in schools in Southwest Washington. For a number of years before she retired, however, she taught at Horace Mann Elementary School in Wesley Heights.

After retiring in 1940, she married Mr. Houchen, a retired Post Office Department clerk. He died in 1958.

She leaves a sister, Miss Lael Tench Rose.

Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th St. NW. Burial will be private.

*The Washington Post, April 5, 1967, p. B12*

### **Mrs. Houchen Dies, Teacher For 50 Years**

Mary Rose Houchen, 92, a first-grade teacher here for about 50 years, died Sunday at the MarSalle Home after a long illness. She lived at 2900 Connecticut ave. nw.

Mrs. Houchen taught in public elementary schools in Southwest Washington, principally at the old Jefferson Elementary School and the Horace Mann School.

She retired about 1940.

A native of Washington, Mrs. Houchen sang in many Episcopalian Church choirs here at the turn of the century.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education in the 1920s by attending night classes at George Washington University and wrote on philosophy and was the author of short stories after her retirement.

Mrs. Houchen was a member of the Writers Club of Washington and the Church of the Healing Christ.

She is survived by a sister, Lael Tench Rose of Washington.