

Mary Helen Howe

(- 10 Sep 1933)

Howe, Mary Helen. On Sunday, September 10, 1933, at her residence, 1230 Quincy st. n.e., Mary Helen Howe, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Franklin T. Howe. Funeral from her late residence on Tuesday, September 12, at 9 a.m.; thence to St. Anthony's Church, where mass will be celebrated by Rev. John Horstkamp at 9:30. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Friends and relatives invited.

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Washington Woman, Who Sang Under Name of Marie Celli, Had Studied Abroad

Miss Mary Helen Howe well known concert and operatic singer, died yesterday at her home, 1230 Quincy street northeast. Requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Catholic Church tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. by Rev. John Horstkamp, Clinton, Md., where Miss Howe often directed special services.

Miss Howe is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Franklin T. Howe and the sister of Catherine Lay Howe, Sarah Willard Howe George Alpha Howe, Franklin T. Howe and Marie Spurr Howe.

She had studied voice under such teachers at Mme. Mathilda Marchesi and Mme. Ronals La Borde of Paris and G. Scalaberni, Nice, and had recently done considerable church singing in addition to her concert and operatic work. She sang under the name of Marie Celli.

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Funeral Services Will Be Held Here Tomorrow

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Daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Franklin T. Howe, she is survived by three sisters and two brothers; Catherine Lay Howe, Sarah Willard Howe, Marie Howe Spurr, George Alpha Howe and Franklin T. Howe.

Critics praised her voice as one of "sweetness, beauty and power". Her teachers included Mme. Mathilda Marchesi and Mme. Ronais LaBorde, of Paris, and G. Scalaberni, of Nice. Her repertoire included operas in English, French, German and Italian, all the better-known oratorios and songs.

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Mary Howe Buried

Washington Singer Appeared in Operas Abroad

Mary Helen Howe, Washington vocalist, was buried yesterday in Congressional Cemetery after funeral services at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Franklin T. Howe, known for many years as one of the Capital's outstanding music critics.

Beginning her musical career here, Miss Howe had toured the country in concert and opera, and also was heard in soprano roles in opera in Milan and Rome.