

## Rosa D. Jacob

(31 Dec 1861 – 24 Jul 1899)

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**Jacob.** On Monday, July 24, 1899, at 5:30 p.m. at her residence in Philadelphia, Pa., Rosa D. Jacobs, daughter of Dorset and Adelia Robey. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

**Jacob.** On July 24, 1899, Rosa D., wife of John H. Jacob, and daughter of Adelia and the late Dorsett Robey, aged 39 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock precisely at southeast corner of Forty-eighth street and Wyalusing avenue. Interment at Washington, D.C., upon the arrival of the 11.23 A.M. train from Broad Street Station, Washington papers please copy. [Philadelphia Inquirer, July 25, 1899]

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### **Plaque Fulfills Family Dream**

*By Robert F. Levey*

Catherine Jacob fulfilled a 71-year-old family dream yesterday.

For \$80, and without the fanfare her father might have wished, she had a bronze plaque placed at the grave of her grandmother, Rosa Jacob, in Congressional Cemetery in Southeast Washington.

Throughout his life, Miss Jacob said yesterday, her father had wanted to buy and place the grave marker. But, as a low-paid baggage clerk at Union Station until his death in 1965, "he just never could," Miss Jacob said.

Yesterday on the 71st anniversary of her grandmother's death, the plaque was delivered and laid.

Miss Jacob, of 3031 M St., SE, said she had no idea that yesterday was the anniversary of her grandmother's death. She said she had not fulfilled her father's wish earlier because her grandmother's gravesite was only recently located for certain in the crowded cemetery.

Her father knew little of his mother except for her place of burial, Miss Jacobs said, because she died when he was only 12. Nor do the cemetery's old, hand-written records reflect who she was or where she came from a check of the log showed.

At the cemetery itself, the delivery of the marker by a postman created something of a stir, according to superintendent Fritz Lehman.

"We very seldom get stones for graves this old," Lehman said. "We had always assumed that her people were either gone away or dead."

But for Catherine Jacob, very much alive herself, it was a "grand day."

"I'm just very glad it's been done," she said.