

Henry Lee

(10 Mar 1812 – 30 Jan 1883)

Lee. On January 30, 1883 at 7 o'clock p.m., Henry Lee in the 71st year of his age. Funeral from his late residence No. 498 Maryland Avenue southwest on Friday 2 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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Death of a Well Known Citizen

Mr. Henry Lee, the well-known undertaker for over half a century, a resident of South Washington, died last evening at his residence on Maryland avenue between 4 1/2 and 6th streets, in the seventy-first year of his age, of paralysis of the heart. Mr. Lee was a native of Virginia, but had lived here since reaching his majority. Settling in what was then known as the "Island," his business prospered so that he removed his undertaking establishment to Pennsylvania avenue, near 3d street. He gave the business his personal attention until about five years ago, when he turned it over to his sons, who established a branch of the business on Capitol Hill. Two of Mr. Lee's daughters were efficient teachers in the public schools of the fourth district, in which they graduated. Mr. Lee was one of the leading members of the Sixth Presbyterian church, and for years was an active Odd Fellow. Under the old corporation he was for several terms a member of the board of common council.

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Funeral Of Henry Lee

The funeral of the late Henry Lee, the veteran undertaker, took place from his late residence on Maryland avenue, near 6th street, this morning, and was attended by a large concourse of citizens. The remains were encased in a handsome Smith & Winston state casket with bar handles and textile trimmings trimmed with gold, and it bore on the breast a gold plate inscribed "Henry Lee; died January 30th, 1883, age 70 years and 10 months." On it were placed two sheaves of wheat, and there were set about the room a number of floral ornaments, including a beautiful wreath and pillow from New York. The services were conducted by Rev. Richard Norris, of the M.E. church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bittinger, of the Westminster Presbyterian church; and Rev. C.C. Meador, of the Fifth Baptist church, the two first named making appropriate addresses, Mr. Burdick reading the scriptures and Mr. Meador offering prayer. The remains were borne to the hearse by Messrs. Boteler, Wright, Burch and Wheatley (of Alexandria), undertakers, and P.G.T.K. Gray and John Imrie, of the Grand Lodge, and H. Fisher and G.M. George Robinson, of Central Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the cortege, being formed with a delegation of Central Lodge as an escort, proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were placed in the vault, the services of the order being conducted by Chaplain McCord. The funeral was one of the largest private funerals ever seen in the District.