

Robert Edward Lee

(16 Aug 1869 – 2 Jan 1930)

Lee. Suddenly on Thursday, January 2, 1930, Robert Edward Lee, beloved husband of Emma Lee (nee Slater), and eldest son of the late Samuel and Julia Lee, aged 58 years. Funeral from his late residence, 215 4th st. s.e., on Monday, January 6, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.



Without warning he went, no sad good-by.
No last farewell, there was no one nigh.
For the reaper came, in the hush of night.
And made dark our home, that was so bright.

We loved him so, we did not know
That soon, so soon, he would have to go.
We could not see, ere another morn.
How crushed our hearts, how sad, how forlorn.

And our faith is stronger, our love more pure.
Our loss, so deep, less hard to endure.
For we know that Christ led him all the way
Through that darkened valley to that perfect day.

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Retired Sergeant Stricken At Home

Robert E. Lee Held Up As Example of Stalwart, Conscientious Policeman

Robert E. Lee, sr., 58 years old, retired sergeant of the metropolitan police force, on which he served for more than 30 years, died suddenly last night in the kitchen of his home, 215 Fourth street southeast.

When brought up for retirement about three years ago, former Representative Blanton of Texas urged that he be continued on active duty, declaring him an example of a stalwart, conscientious policeman.

A brother, J.H. Lee, is now a sergeant at the third precinct police station.

Sergt. Lee is said to have been a distant relative of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and due to the admiration of his parents for the Confederate leader he was named after him.

Sergt. Lee was a member of Lebanon Lodge of Masons and of Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma V. Lee; two daughters, Miss Annabelle Lee and Miss Jennie May Lee; a son, Robert E. Lee, jr.; his brother, Sergt. J.H. Lee, and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Britton, Mrs. Laura Lee Beck and Mrs. Nora Luve.

Funeral arrangements were to be completed late today.