

Maurice Otterback

(3 Apr 1862 – 23 Oct 1934)

Otterback, Maurice. Suddenly, on Tuesday October 23, 1934, Maurice Otterback, beloved husband of Annie A. Otterback (nee Prosperi). Remains at his late residence, 326 5th st. s.e., until 11 a.m. Friday, October 26, thence to Trinity M.E. Church, 5th st. and Seward sq. s.e. to lie in state until services at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Banker's Death Holds Motorist For Grand Jury

Driver in Otterback Crash on Wrong Side of Street, Says Witness

Roy Reynolds, 45, carpenter, of the 900 block of Twelfth street northwest, driver of the automobile which struck and injured fatally Maurice Otterback, 72-year-old chairman of the board of the Anacostia Bank as he rescued a young woman from its path Monday, was held for the grand jury after a coroner's inquest yesterday.

Witnesses testified that Reynolds was passing on the wrong side of the street car from which the banker and Miss Elizabeth Wayland, 23, of the 100 block of Todd place northeast, the girl whose life he saved, alighted.

The accident occurred as Mr. Otterback was on his way to the bank. As he and Miss Wayland left the car, he saw the automobile bearing down upon her, and with a thrust of his arm shoved her to safety. The effort threw him off his balance, and before he could regain it, the automobile had knocked him to the street. He died at Sibley Hospital of a skull fracture a short time later.

Mrs. Mauriel Elgin, a teacher at the Congress Heights School, who was in the machine behind the street car, testified she saw Reynold's automobile pass the street car on the wrong side of about 35 miles per hour.

Funeral services for Mr. Otterback were held yesterday afternoon at Trinity M.E. Church. Burial was in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Otterback is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie A. Otterback, and a son, Raymond Edwin Otterback.