

## Josiah F. Polk

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**Polk.** On Sunday morning, the 9th inst., Josiah F. Polk, Esq., long a resident of this city, aged 68. He was much distinguished for integrity and his benevolence in manners. A gentleman of the old school, faithful and firm in his views of the Deity, and died calmly resigned to the will of God. His friends are invited to attend his funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12 o'clock at Mrs. Bannerman's, Pa., ave., between 3d and 4 1/2 streets.

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### **The Late Josiah F. Polk**

This gentleman was possessed of many rare qualities of mind and heart. If in the moral as in the natural world the silent and unseen forces have precedence and power, they feel that his character deserves more than a passing notice. Mr. Polk was the son of the late Gillis Polk, of Somerset, Maryland. He was educated for the profession of his father and was engaged in its practice. He was twice elected to the Legislature of Maryland. Subsequently, having removed to Indiana, he filled various offices of great trust under Government. About the year 1829 he accepted the agency of the Colonization Society, and traveled through several States to advocate the claims of the Association. He was appointed to a position in the Census Bureau by Mr. Van Buren, and was afterwards placed in the office of the Second Auditor, where he remained from 1831 to 1855. He has since been engaged in revising the code of laws for the District, and was a Trustee of the Public Schools. At the time of his decease he was again engaged in the practice of his profession. Mr. Polk united great natural ability with an extensive erudition; he was a forcible and argumentative writer, and a deep and original thinker. Firm in his religious convictions, in all he said or did truth was his sole object. His disease was rapid and its termination sudden and unexpected. Mr. Polk's long residence in Washington had gained for him many friends, and it is believed he has not left an enemy behind him. Greatly beloved as he was his friends have many precious memories of him, but forbear to offer more than this praise of one who was truly "an honest man," "the noblest work of God."