

Bessie Otterback Rodier

(1884 – 13 Oct 1947)

Rodier, Bessie Otterback. On Monday, October 13, 1947, at George Washington University Hospital, Bessie Otterback Rodier, wife of Jules A. Rodier and mother of Jules B., Donald E. and John M. Rodier and Mrs. Elizabeth Portner. Friends may call at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pa. ave. n.w., where services will be held on Wednesday, October 15, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. Bessie Rodier Of Lanham Dies

Mrs. Bessie Burford Otterback Rodier, 63, of Lanham, Md., former teacher at the Leno School in Washington, died yesterday in George Washington Hospital after an illness of five weeks.

She was born in Washington, the daughter of Philip B. and Mary Elizabeth Smith Otterback. She was graduated from Eastern High School and the old Washington Normal School and taught for several years before her marriage in 1905.

The Rodiers lived in Washington until 1921 when they moved to Lanham, where Mrs. Rodier was a member of the Maryland Study Club, the Whitfield Methodist Church and several social organizations. She formerly was active in Trinity Methodist Church here.

Survivors are her husband, Jules A Rodier, an employe of the communications office of the White House; three sons Jules B. Rodier 931 Eleventh street N.E., a Reconstruction Finance Corp. employe, and Donald E. Rodier Treasury employe, and Donald E. Rodier, Treasury employe, and John M. Rodier, with Acacia Life Insurance, both of Lanham, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Portner, Langley, Va.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Gawler's chapel, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. Rodier's Funeral Rites Set for Today

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A native of Washington, she was graduated from Eastern High School and the old Washington Normal School. She taught for several years at the Lenox School before her marriage in 1905 to Jules A. Rodier, now a communications employe at the White House.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodier lived in Washington until 1921 when they moved to Lanham, where Mrs. Rodier was a member of Whitfield Methodist Church and the Maryland Study Club.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, are three sons, Donald E. Rodier of Lanham, Treasury employe; John M. Rodier of Lanham, Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co. employe, and Jules B. Rodier, 931 11th st. ne., Reconstruction Finance Corporation employe, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Portner, Langley, Va.