

## Florence Gertrude Rollins

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**Rollins, Florence Gertrude.** Suddenly, on Wednesday, August 22, 1928, at her residence, 2505 13th st. n.w., Florence Gertrude, beloved daughter of David E. and the late Nellie Carhart, in the 37th year of her age. Funeral from the chapel of P.A. Taltavull, 436 7th st. s.w., Saturday, August 25, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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#### **Commits Suicide On Third Attempt**

Mrs. Florence Gertrude Rollins, 38 years old, of 3505 Thirteenth street, committed suicide yesterday in the kitchen of her apartment by inhaling gas through a rubber tube attached to the stove. It was her third attempt to end her life within the past year, the first try being frustrated by the opportune arrival of the fire rescue squad, and the second by a spectacular rescue from the Anacostia River by a young plumber. She had been in a sanitarium for several months following her attempt to drown herself.

Her body was found last night by Joseph A. Saunders, a roomer in her apartment. Finding the front door locked when he returned home, Saunders climbed in through a window and found Mrs. Rollins stretched out on the kitchen floor with a tube in her mouth.

Saunders summoned the Fire Department rescue squad, the Emergency Hospital ambulance and Dr. S.B. Bain of 1301 Fairmont street. Despite the fact that Dr. Bain pronounced the woman dead after they had worked on her for an hour, the firemen continued their efforts for a half hour longer, but without success.

Neighbors say that her telephone had been ringing intermittently since 11 o'clock in the morning. Dr. J. Ramsey Nevitt, the District coroner, issued a certificate of suicide.

Mrs. Rollins was a widow and is survived by a brother and a sister living in this city.

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#### **Rites For Mrs. Rollins**

##### **Funeral Tomorrow for Woman Thrice Attempting to End Life**

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Gertrude Rollins, 37 years old, who ended her life Wednesday by inhaling gas in her apartment at 2505 Thirteenth street northwest, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of the P.A. Taltavull funeral parlors, 436 Seventh street southwest. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mrs. Rollins had made two previous attempts on her life, trying to die by drowning by leaping into the Eastern Branch in October, 1927, and a short time later attempting to die by gas. She was a widow and the daughter of the late David E. and Nellie Carhart Rollins.