

Olivia M. Scala

(- 15 Mar 1927)

Scala. On Tuesday, March 15, 1927, at 3 p.m., at her residence, 918 South Carolina ave. s.e., Olivia M., widow of Francis M. Scala. Funeral will be held from her late residence on Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m., thence to St. Peter's Church, where mass will be said at 9 a.m. for the repose of her soul. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. Olivia M. Scala Expires at Residence

Widow of Organizer and First Director of Marine Band Dies at 80

Mrs. Olivia M. Scala, 80 years old, widow of Capt. Francis Scala, organizer and first director of the United States Marine Band, died at her residence, 918 South Carolina avenue southeast, Tuesday.

Mrs. Scala was born in Richmond. She came to Washington as a child with her father, Philip Arth, a member of the Marine Band. Her two brothers, John and Joseph Arth, also were members of the band. Capt. Scala, composer of many marches and songs, was leader of the Marine Band when President Tyler took office. Mrs. Scala was a talented pianist.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. F.T. Johnson, Miss Estelle, Amorita and Isabel Scala and Mrs. S.H. Keyser; five sons, Dr. Norman Scala, Dr. George Scala, Chester, Francis and Beneville Scala, all of Washington, and two cousins, are Christopher Arth, director of the National Theater Orchestra, and Charles Arth, former assistant District attorney.

Requiem mass will be sung at St. Peter's Catholic Church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Eugene J. Connelly will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.