

## Joseph K. Sharp

(16 May 1826 – 7 Oct 1886)

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**Sharp.** On Thursday, October 7, 1886 at 9 a.m., Joseph K. Sharp after a lingering illness. Funeral will take place from the Tabernacle Church, Sunday at 3 p.m. Friends and relatives invited.

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### **The Late Joseph K. Sharp**

The funeral of Joseph K. Sharp, who died at his residence, 403 6th street s.w., yesterday, will take place from the Tabernacle church, South Washington, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The pastor of the church, Revs. Mr. Scofield, and Richard Norris, of Wesley M.E. church, will officiate, and the interment will be at the Congressional cemetery. Mr. Sharp, who was in charge of the Baltimore and Potomac depot here for several years, was born May 16, 1826, at York, Pa. He began his railroad service thirty-five years ago as a brakeman on the Susquehanna road, between York and Lancaster, Pa., and afterward baggage-master and conductor on the Northern Central. He was promoted to the superintendency at Suamokin, Pa., and then to trainmaster at Harrisburg. About thirteen years ago he was transferred to this city as assistant to Mr. E.L. DuBarry, the superintendent here, and on the transfer of Mr. DuBarry he was placed in charge here. He was of fine physique and perfect health up to a few years ago, when at the wreck at Four-mile run, he contracted a cold that broke him down. He leaves a wife and eight children--five daughters and three sons. Mr. Sharp, who was originally a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, went with those who withdrew from Ryland chapel and formed the Tabernacle congregation a few years ago. The pall-bearers will be Messrs. Geo. White, Wm. J. Stephenson, Wm. Worrell, W.J. Murtagh, R.F. Downs and A.C. Irvine.

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### **The Funeral of Joseph K. Sharp**

The funeral of the late Joseph K. Sharp, of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad company, at the Tabernacle church, yesterday afternoon, was largely attended. There were present Messrs. H.H. Carter, superintendent; Mr. Carlisle, train master, and other officials of the railroad from Wilmington, Baltimore and other points. Surrounding the coffin were beautiful floral tributes from the employes of the railroad, the Adams Express company, the Sunday school of the Tabernacle and members of the church. The services at the church were conducted by Rev. Mr. Schofield, the pastor, and Rev. W.L. McKenny; and in their remarks they paid feeling tributes to the memory of the deceased. During the services Mrs. Powell sang the favorite hymn of the deceased: "Nearer, my God, to Thee." The pall-bearers were Messrs. George White, W.J. Stephenson, William J. Murtagh, William Worrell, R.F. Downs and A.C. Irvine. The remains were taken to the Congressional cemetery, where the interment took place.