

Grant D. Simmonds

(1877 – 17 Apr 1950)

Simmonds, Grant D. Suddenly, on Monday, April 17, 1950, Grant D. Simmonds of 214 13th st. n.e., beloved husband of the late Bertha V. Simmonds, father of Grand D. Simmonds, jr., and grandfather of Alma Lee August and Richard G. Simmonds. Friends may call at his late residence, where services will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Mattingly Funeral Service.

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Hanging Awnings

Man, 72, Dies In 15-Ft. Fall From Ladder

A 72-year-old District man was killed yesterday after falling 14 feet from a ladder while putting up awnings at his home.

He was Grant D. Simmonds, a guard for Barber & Ross, building suppliers, who lived with his son at 214 13th st. ne.

Still conscious when police arrived a few minutes after the accident, he was taken to Casualty Hospital and died less than two hours later of a crushed chest.

Simmonds told police he had slipped off the ladder, which was propped on the porch roof of the home, while he was attaching the awnings to windows on the second floor. He fell into an alleyway next to the house.

A native of Washington, Simmonds, was general manager of the J.T. Pyles chain, the first grocery chain here, about 25 years ago. He had been a grocer most of his life.

His son, Grant D. Simmonds, jr., only close survivor, is assistant manager of the Columbia branch of the American Security & Trust Co. Simmond's wife, Mrs. Bertha V. Simmonds, died about 12 years ago.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Dr. A. Magruder MacDonald, District coroner, said he would issue a certificate of accidental death.