

## Martha Simonds

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**Simonds, Martha.** Suddenly on Tuesday, May 12, 1942, at her residence, 1329 North Carolina ave. n.e., Martha Simonds, beloved sister of Mrs. Eleanor Eliason and Mrs. Amy S. King. Friends may call at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Mass. Ave. n.e., where services will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Miss Mattie Simonds Found Dead in Home**

Miss Mattie Simonds, 72, was found dead this afternoon on the floor of the gas-filled kitchen of her home at 1329 North Carolina avenue N.E., where she lived alone.

All jets of the kitchen stove were open and windows and doors were closed when Miss Simonds' body was discovered by Mrs. Amy King, 327 Rittenhouse street N.W., her sister, and Mrs. King's son, William J. King, jr., who broke a pane of glass to enter the house after repeated knocking on the door went unanswered.

Mrs. King had telephoned her sister three times without getting an answer, and, becoming worried, she and her son went to Miss Simonds' home.

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### **Woman's Death by Gas Is Listed as Suicide**

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald yesterday issued a certificate of suicide in the case of Miss Martha Simonds, 73, found dead in the gas-filled kitchen of her home at 1329 North Carolina avenue N.E.

Miss Simonds, who lived alone, was said to have been despondent over ill health. Her body was discovered by her sister, Mrs. Amy King, 327 Rittenhouse street N.W., and Mrs. King's son, William J. King, jr., who went to the house after failing to get a response to repeated telephone calls.