

Donna M. Sparks **(- 13 May 1905)**

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Remains of Mrs. Sparks Rest in "Congressional"

Mrs. Donna M. Sparks, mother of Joseph B. Sparks, of the Capitol police force, who died Saturday morning was buried from the residence of her only child, 815 C street southwest, where the funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by the Rev. E. Hez Swen. The minister spoke very feelingly of the lovable traits of character of the deceased, who bore with utmost patience and Christian fortitude her long illness.

Mrs. Sparks was a resident of Conyers, Ga., for many years, but for the past two years had made her home with her son in this city, where she made many friends. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was a handsome piece representing the "gates ajar," sent by the members of the Capitol police force. The remains were interred in Congressional Cemetery.

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Funeral of Mrs. Donna M. Sparks

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