

## Stephen M. Stafford

(1831 – 6 May 1963)

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**Stafford, Stephen M.** On Monday, May 6, 1963, Stephen M. Stafford of 5906 Jarvis lane, Bethesda, Md., beloved husband of Mattie P. Stafford. Friends are invited to call at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Funeral Home of Robert A. Pumphrey, Bethesda, Md., after 4 p.m.



**STEPHEN M. STAFFORD**

Wednesday, May 8. Services at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, 9701 Old Georgetown rd., Bethesda, Md., on Friday, May 10, where requiem mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. (Baltimore, Md., papers please copy.)

**Stafford, Stephen M.** Members of Carroll Council, No. 377, Knights of Columbus, are hereby advised of the death of our Honorary Life Member, Brother Stephen M. Stafford, and are requested to assemble at Pumphrey's Funeral Home, 7557 Wisconsin ave., Bethesda, Md., on Thursday, May 9, at 8:30 p.m. for recitation of the rosary.

Pete A. Catucci, Grand Knight

Michael Kosciw, Fin. Secy.

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### **Stephen Stafford, Navy Master Mechanic, Dies**

Stephen M. Stafford, 80, a retired master mechanic for the Washington Navy Yard who held a number of United States patents for precision tools, died at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, yesterday

after suffering a stroke.

Born in Dunganon, Ireland, in 1883, he came to this country at the age of 10. His family lived in Baltimore, where he learned the tool and machinist business.

In 1903 Mr. Stafford came to Washington and began his career in the Naval Gun Factory as a machinist.

He married the former Mattie Perrie in 1907.

He advanced through the various supervisory ratings at the Gun Factory from leading-man machinist, quartermen machinist and quartermen instrument maker to the position of master mechanic of the tool shop in 1937.

During World War II he helped to speed the manufacture of special tools, jigs, fixtures and gauges required to expedite naval ordnance programs, and in 1945 he received the Navy's Certificate of Award for meritorious civilian service.

When he retired in 1950 the Navy Department cited his contribution to the improvement mechanisms used for gun mountings.

Mr. Stafford was a member of the Carroll Council of the Knights of Columbus.

He lived at 5906 Jarvis lane, Bethesda.

Besides his wife, of the home address, he leaves one grandson.

Friends may call at the Robert Pumphrey Funeral Home, 7557 Wisconsin avenue N.W. Services will be held at the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church, 9701 Georgetown road, Bethesda, at 10 a.m. Friday, with burial at Congressional Cemetery.