

## George Alvin Taylor

(27 Sep 1908 – 16 Aug 1925)

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**Taylor.** Suddenly departed this life Sunday, August 16, 1925, at 4:30 a.m. at Providence Hospital, George Alvin, beloved son of Minnie A. Taylor (nee Kidwell) and the late William W. Taylor. Funeral from his late residence, 2224 16th st., s.e., Anacostia, D.C., Tuesday, August 18, at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

George, how can I give you up,  
You whom I love so well?  
How can I drink the bitter cup  
And say a long farewell?  
Mother

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### **Youth Is Trapped In Sand Bank Fall**

#### **George L. Taylor in Serious Condition After Quarter Hour Buried Under Cave-In**

A sand bank caved in on 17-year-old George L. Taylor of 2224 Sixteenth street southeast while he and Raymond Jones, 14, 1524 W street southeast, a friend, were digging on the old Butler estate at Stanton and Morris roads southeast yesterday. Taylor was completely buried by the cave-in, Jones wiggled out of the deep sand and summoned assistance.

After half a dozen rescue workers had used picks, hands and improvised instruments for more than a quarter of an hour Taylor was dragged out in a serious condition and rushed to the office of Dr. T.D. Mudd, 1328 Good Hope road southeast, where he was given first-aid treatment.

His family doctor, Carlton King of 2013 Nichols avenue, was called in on the case and he found that the boy had sustained a puncture of the lung and fractures of the ribs.

Dr. King ordered the youth to Providence Hospital, where he was in a serious condition last night.

According to the police at the Eleventh precinct, the two boys had gone to the old Butler estate and were playing with the picks, digging in the sand.

The overhang of the bank was not noticed by Taylor until it suddenly gave way and buried him.

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### **Sand Bank Collapse Is Fatal To Youth**

#### **George L. Taylor's Rib Is Broken in Cave-In and Lung Is Punctured, Causing Death**

Seventeen-year-old George L. Taylor, 2224 Sixteenth street southeast, who was covered with sand Saturday afternoon as a result of a cave-in while he and a companion were digging in a sand bank near Stanton and Morris roads southeast, died at Providence Hospital early yesterday morning.

Taylor suffered a fracture of a rib, which pierced his lung, Drs. T.D. Mudd and Carlton King rendered first aid before the injured boy was taken to the hospital. His condition was so serious, however, that physicians were unable to hold out hope for his recovery. Coroner Nevitt deemed an inquest unnecessary.