

## Mary C. Thomas

( - 14 May 1963)

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**Thomas, Mary C.** On Tuesday, May 14, 1963, at 4819 Alton pl. n.w., Mary C. Thomas; beloved mother of William R. Thomas of Saint Albans, W. Va.; Mrs. Helen J. Beckley, James C. Thomas, Florence G. Lawrenson and Mrs. M. Elizabeth Goodnight. Friends may call at the Chevy Chase Funeral Home 5101 Wisconsin ave. n.w, where services will be held on Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Mrs. J.C. Thomas, Holy Comforter's Oldest Member**

Mrs. James C. Thomas, 91, who lived at 124 Eleventh street S.E. for more than 50 years, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen J. Beckley of 4819 Alton place N.W.

She had suffered from a heart ailment and had undergone surgery earlier this year.

Born in Charles County, Md., she was the former Mary C. Edelen. In 1898 she married James C. Thomas, who was employed at the Washington Monument.

Mrs. Thomas was widowed in 1918.

She was the oldest member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, St. Andrew's Parish, 701 Oglethorpe street N.W.

In addition to Mrs. Beckley, she leaves four children, William R. Thomas, of St. Albans, W. Va.; James C. Thomas, of 2462 Tunlaw road N.W.; Florence C. Lawrenson, 1368 Rittenhouse street N.W., and Mrs. Elizabeth Goodnight of Landover Hills, Md.; a sister, Margaret Bailey of 7538 Eastern avenue N.W.; three brothers, Spencer Edelen of Washington and Charles Edelen and James Edelen of Oxon Hill, Md.; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Chevy Chase Funeral Home, 5103 Wisconsin avenue NW., followed by burial in Congressional Cemetery.