

## **Ralph Frederick Thompson, Sr.** **(20 Jul 1894 – 25 Jul 1972)**

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**Thompson, Ralph F., Sr.** On Tuesday, July 25, 1972, Ralph F. Thompson, Sr., of 1209 Floral St., N.W., husband of the late Elizabeth Douglas Thompson; father of Ralph F. Thompson, Jr., and James Douglas Thompson; two brothers; two sisters and four grandchildren also survive. Friends may call at Joseph Gawlers' Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Ave. at Harrison St., N.W. (parking on premises) on Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., where services will be held on Friday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

*The Washington Post, July 28, 1972, p. C5*

### **Ralph Thompson**

#### **Ordnance Specialist With Navy**

Ralph F. Thompson, 78, a retired materials engineer and ordnance equipment specialist at the Naval Gun Factory, died Tuesday at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., Mr. Thompson came to the Washington area after World War I. He had lived at 1209 Floral St. NW for more than 40 years.

Mr. Thompson served as an Army officer during the war. He had been president of Modern Machinists, Inc., here before joining the Naval Gun Factory in 1940. He retired in 1966.

He was a member of the Chevy Chase lodge of the Masons, was on the board of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home here and was a past national commander of the Veterans in Federal Employment.

He is survived by two sons, Douglas Thompson, of the home, and Ralph Thompson, of Fox Chapel, Pa.; two brothers, Harry Thompson, of Wilkes Barre, and William Thompson, of Clearwater, Fla.; two sisters, Lydia Cramer and Ethel Thompson, both of Wilkes Barre, and four grandchildren.

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### **Ralph Thompson, Engineer At Gun Factory 22 Years**

Ralph F. Thompson, 78, who retired in 1966 as a metals engineer and ordnance equipment specialist for the Naval Gun Factory here, died of pneumonia Tuesday in Sibley Memorial Hospital. He lived on Floral Street N.W.

Mr. Thompson, an Army lieutenant during World War I, was national commander of Veterans in Federal Employment about 22 years ago. He was a former member of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Before the war, he was a factory expert for an axle company and also raced cars. Later he worked for several Washington engineering firms. He worked for the Naval Gun Factory for 22 years.

His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1970. He leaves two sons, Ralph Jr., of Pittsburgh, and Douglas, with whom he lived, two brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren.

Services were held today at Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, Wisconsin Avenue and Harrison Street NW, with burial in Congressional Cemetery. The family requests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Fund for the Restoration of Wilkes-Barre.