

Jane A. DeGraw VanDoren

(- 7 Jun 1899)

VanDoren. On Wednesday, June 7, 1899 at 10:10 a.m. after a long illness, Mrs. Jane A. VanDoren, widow of William T. VanDoren in the 84th year of her age. Funeral services will be held at 647 East Capitol Street, Friday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m.

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Funeral of Mrs. Van Doren

The funeral of Mrs. Jane A. DeGraw VanDoren took place from her late residence on East Capitol street yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted by Dr. Luccock, the pastor of Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, assisted by Dr. John Chester, the former pastor. Both spoke from an intimate acquaintance with Mrs. Van Doren and paid tribute to the beauty of her character. Music was rendered by Miss VanNess, Miss Ingram, Miss Hunter, Mr. Gilbert Clark and friend. The pallbearers were Dr. G.W.N. Custiss, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Dubois, Mr. Bohrer, Mr. Lockett, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGowen and Mr. L.W. Maxson.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, including a handsome wreath from the Ladies' Missionary Society, of which Mrs. Van Doren was an honored member, and a tribute from Miss Lottie VanDoren's pupils in the High School.

The death of Mrs. VanDoren closes a life of nearly eighty-five years. She and her late husband, Rev. Wm. F. VanDoren, were missionaries to Java during the first years of their married life. Afterward, as a minister's wife in different pastorates in this country, she led an unusually active and always faithful Christian life.

The last thirty years of her life were spent in Washington, where her home on Capitol Hill has always been a center of genuine and unobtrusive hospitality, always open to gatherings--literary, charitable, social or artistic. She survived her husband, two sons and one daughter, and leaves four daughters--Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Bruner, Mrs. Maxson and Miss Charlotte A. VanDoren.