

Romaine Walker

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The Evening Star, January 25, 1957

Mrs. Ernest G. Walker, Fourth Generation Here

Mrs. Ernest G. Walker, the former Romaine Mannix, fourth generation Washingtonian, died today. She resided at 3107 N street N.W.

Mrs. Walker's late husband headed the Boston Herald's Washington bureau for many years. He died in 1944. Mr. Walker also was city editor and political writer on the Washington Post before retiring from newspaper work and developing several large apartments here.

Mrs. Walker was born in the home of her grandmother, the late Mathew Stevens on the site of the National Gallery. She was taken to China for five years during her childhood when her father, the late Capt. D. Pratt Mannix, United States Marine Corps, was on a special mission there.

She made her debut in the Marine Barracks, which her father commanded at the time of his death. Capt. Mannix was a patron of the composer, John Philip Sousa.

Mrs. Walker was educated at the old Norwood Institute on Thomas circle. During World War I, she was active in Red Cross work, conducting bandaging sessions and instructing on home nursing and first aid. During World War II, she worked at the Stage Door Canteen in the old Belasco Theater on Lafayette Square.

She was a member of the Washington Club and the Army-Navy Chapter of the DAR.

She is survived by a son, Mannix Walker, of the N street address, a writer and operator of the Walker School of Preparation for the Foreign Service; a brother, D. Pratt Mannix, of Geneva, Switzerland, and a first cousin, Miss Ella Stevens, 1921 Kalorama road N.W.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church, Thirty-first and O streets N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. Walker Dies; Widow of Writer

Mrs. Ernest G. Walker, widow of a former editor and political writer for The Washington Post, died yesterday after a month's illness. She lived at 3107 N st. nw. with her son, Mannix.

The former Romaine Mannix, she was a fourth generation Washingtonian. She was born on the site of the National Gallery in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mathew Stevens.

Mr. Walker died in 1944 after careers in journalism and real estate. He was reporter, Sunday editor, news editor and a political reporter with The Washington Post from 1893 to 1905. Later Mr. Walker headed the Washington Bureau of the Boston Herald and was correspondent for several other newspapers.

It was through this newspaper that the couple met. Mrs. Walker wrote a story called "The Romance of the Naval Academy" which was published when Mr. Walker was Sunday editor.

Mrs. Walker was educated at the old Norwood Institute on Thomas Circle. She made her debut at the Marine Barracks, which her father, the late Capt. D. Pratt Mannix, commanded.

She was active in Red Cross work during World War I and during World War II worked at the Stage Door Canteen in the old Belasco Theater on Lafayette Square.

She belonged to the Army-Navy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a former member of the Chevy Chase and Washington Clubs.

Surviving besides her son are a brother, Adm. D. Pratt Mannix, II, USN (Ret.) of Geneva, Switzerland, and a cousin, Ella Stevens of 1921 Kalorama rd. nw.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church, 31st and O sts. nw. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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MRS. ROMAINE MANNIX WALKER -- 30624

Born in Washington, D. C.

Wife of Ernest George Walker.

Daughter of Capt. D. Pratt Mannix and Ella Butler Stevens, his wife.

Granddaughter of Matthew Henry Stevens and Susan Butler Jeffers, his wife.

Gr.-granddaughter of William Stevens and Mary Cole, his wife.

Gr-Gr.-granddaughter of Matthew Cole and Mary Norton, his wife.

Matthew Cole, (1733-1807), commanded a company of militia when Tryon invaded the colonel. He died at Kensington.