

Henry C. Yates

(- 17 Apr 1963)

Yates, Henry C. On Wednesday, April 17, 1963, at his residence in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Henry C. Yates, husband of the late Adelaide Bunyea Yates. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th st. and Massachusetts ave. ne., after 12 noon, Friday. Services will be held on Saturday, April 20 at the Sixth Presbyterian Church, 16th and Kennedy sts. nw., at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery with Masonic honors.



Mr. Yates

Yates, Henry C. An emergent communication of Joppa Lodge No. 35, F.A.A.M., will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 2:45 p.m., at the main gate of Congressional Cemetery, 19th and E sts. se., for the purpose of conducting Masonic burial services for our late brother, Henry C. Yates.

William R. Alder, Master

The Washington Post, April 9, 1963, p B14

Henry Yates Dies at 89; Was City's Oldest Driver

Henry Carruthers Yates, who voluntarily turned in his District driver's permit at the age of 82 because, as he said, "when you get to be my age it is time to close up anyhow," died Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 89.

Mr. Yates, who was the oldest driver in Washington at the time he gave up driving, was praised for his decision by a D.C. traffic safety officer who said, "I wish more people were as conscious of public safety."

Mr. Yates was a native of Washington. He lived at 733 Taylor st. nw. For 30 years he was a lithographer with the Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior until his retirement in 1939. He made the printing plates for the Nation's first stop signs.

Mr. Yates was a member of the Sixth United Presbyterian Church at 16th and Kennedy sts. nw., and a charter member of the Joppa Lodge 35, FAAM.

The Evening Star, April 19, 1963, p. B5

H.C. Yates, 89, Turned In His Driver License at 82

Henry Carruthers Yates, 89, who turned in his District driver's license when he was 82 "to let people know an old man has some good sense," died Wednesday, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"When you get to be my age, it's time to close up anyhow," he said as he handed in his permit. He was the oldest driver in the District at the time, and his action brought him an appearance on TV.

But before age got the better of him, Mr. Yates loved to drive.

"He took delight just going up and down the bumps," an old friend, Harry Disney, said.

Perhaps his later interest in highway safety rose from an early assignment. As a lithographer and hand engraver, Mr. Yates was said to have made the printing plates for the Nation's first stop signs.

A native of Washington, he was employed by the Geographical Survey of the Department of the Interior from 1909 to 1939.

He was a member of the Joppa Masonic Lodge No. 35 for more than 50 years, and was the oldest member of the Sixth United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Yates' wife died in 1956. He moved to Florida three years ago.

Services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth and Kennedy streets N.W., with burial in Congressional Cemetery.