

Wilbern R. Cissel

(1881 – 19 Oct 1950)

Cissel, Wilbern R. On Thursday, October 19, 1950, Wilbern R. Cissel of 628 Eye street s.e., husband of Pearl M. Cissel, father of William M.; Wilbern O. and Ruth N. Cissel, brother of Mrs. Maude Fugitt; Mrs. Naomi Swann; Miss Edna Cissel; Mrs. Elsie Griner; and Mrs. Janie Jones. Services at Chambers Funeral Home, 517 11th street s.e. on Monday, October 23 at 2:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Rites Held for W.R. Cissel, 69, Retired Machinist

Funeral services for Wilbern Robert Cissel, 69, who retired from the Naval Gun Factory in 1937, after 40 years' employment there, were held yesterday in Chambers funeral home, 517 Eleventh street S.E. Burial was in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Cissel, who died Thursday in Providence Hospital, lived at 628 I street S.E.

A lifelong resident of Washington, Mr. Cissel was an instrument maker and a machinist at the gun factory. He was credited with having helped build the first speedboat to go on the Potomac shortly after the turn of the century, his family said.

He was a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Pearl M. Cissel, with whom he would have celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary next month; two sons, William M. and Wilbern O. Cissel; a daughter, Miss Ruth N. Cissel, and five sisters, Mrs. Maud Fugitt, Mrs. Naomi Swann, Miss Edna Cissel, Mrs. Elsie Grinder and Mrs. Janie Jones.

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Funeral Rites Held For Wilbern R. Cissel

Funeral services for Wilbern Robert Cissel, 70, who was credited in 1905 with building the first inboard speedboat to go on the Potomac River, was held yesterday at Chambers funeral home. Burial was in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Cissel, an employee of the naval gun factory for 40 years, died Thursday at Providence Hospital of a kidney ailment. A native Washingtonian, Mr. Cissel was retired from the gun factory in 1937. He began work at the navy yard when he was 16 and resided at 628 8I st. se.

He was a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics and had belonged to the International Association of Mechanics for 45 years.

On November 29 Mr. Cissel and his wife, Mrs. Pearl M. Cissel, would have observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, William M. and Wilbern O. Cissel; a daughter, Miss Ruth N. Cissel, and five sisters.