

## Lorenzo Lee Combs

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**Combs, L. Lee.** On Wednesday, October 6, 1965, L. Lee Combs of the Episcopal Church Home, beloved husband of Frances H. Combs, and uncle of Mrs. Harold G. Williams. Friends may call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, Wisconsin ave. at Harrison st. n.w. (parking on premises), after 2 p.m. Thursday, October 7, where services will be held on Friday, October 8, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

*The Washington Post, October 7, 1965, p. B6*

#### **L. Lee Combs, Retired Businessman in Capital**

L. Lee Combs, 87, a retired Washington businessman and a former resident of Chevy Chase died Wednesday in the Episcopal Church Home in Washington.

Mr. Combs was born in Washington, and graduated from Eastern High School where he helped organize and was captain of the first championship football team.

Beginning in about 1910, Mr. Combs operated a cigar stand at the old Ebbitt Hotel for approximately 20 years. He then was manager of the Yale Laundry and in the late 1930s became a purchasing agent at Emergency Hospital. He retired in the early 1950s.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frances Hungerford, and a niece, Mrs. Harold G. Williams, of Silver Spring.

*The Evening Star, October 7, 1965, p. B4*

#### **L. Lee Combs, Businessman, Once School Football Star**

L. Lee Combs, 76, a retired Washington businessman, died yesterday at the Episcopal Church Home.

A Washington native, Combs was a graduate of Eastern High School, where he helped organize the school's first football team and captained it to a city championship. This was done under an assumed name, since his father had forbidden him to participate in the sport.

In 1911, Combs became proprietor of a cigar store in the old Ebbitt Hotel. The building was torn down about 1926 to make way for the National Press Building and Combs then managed the Yale Laundry Co. until it was sold before World War II.

Combs retired briefly, but when the war broke out, he became purchasing agent for the former Emergency Hospital, from which he retired in the early 1950s.

He was also a member of the boards of directors of the old Capitol Park and Raleigh Hotels.

For 40 years Combs and his wife lived at 39th and Kanawha Streets, Chevy Chase. A year ago, they moved to the Episcopal Church Home at 1515 32nd St. NW.

Combs was a member for many years of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase and of the Analostan Boat Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Frances Hungerford, of the Episcopal Church Home, and a niece, Mrs. Harold G. Williams of 414 Hillmoor Drive, Silver Spring.

Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Joseph Gawler's Sons' funeral home, Wisconsin Avenue at Harrison Street NW. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.