

## John S. Coombs

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**Coombs, John S.** Suddenly, on Saturday, April 21, at his residence, 9521 Donna lane, Annandale, Va., John S. Coombs, husband of Rosa M. Coombs and father of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Smith , grandfather of Joel H. Smith. Friends may call at the Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington st., Alexandria where services will be held on Tuesday, April 24, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Family requests, flowers be omitted. (Harrisonburg, Va., papers, please copy.)

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### **John S. Coombs Dies at 75; Served U.S. for 46 Years**

John S. Coombs, 75, a 46-year employe of the Commerce Department and Federal Trade Commission, died Saturday at his home, 9521 Donna lane, Falls Church.

A Washington native, Mr. Coombs began work May 1, 1904, with the Department of Commerce and Labor, and remained with Commerce when the Department of Labor was created in 1913.

At the time of his retirement, in 1950 he was an assistant to Secretary Charles Sawyer.

A charter member of the Bethesda Masonic Lodge, Mr. Coombs also was active in the Anchor Club. For 25 years until his retirement, he lived at 6707 45th st., Chevy Chase.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa; a daughter, Elizabeth C. Smith; and a grandson, Joel H. Smith III, 16, all of Falls Church. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaine funeral home, 520 S. Washington st., Alexandria, with burial in Congressional Cemetery.