

## Austin M. Cooper

( – 22 Jul 1952)

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**Cooper, Austin M.** On Tuesday, July 22, 1952, at his residence, 4603 Walsh st., Bethesda, Md., Austin M. Cooper, husband of Bertie W. Cooper and father of Mrs. Anna C. Crasson of Chevy Chase, Md.; Mrs. Virginia C. Upchurch of Waldorf, Md.; Mr. Julian W. Cooper of Arlington, Va., and Mr. Elbert M. Cooper of Selma, Ala. Friends may call at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pa. Ave. n.w., where services will be held on Friday, July 25, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be sent to the Central Union Mission, 613 C st. n.w.

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### **A.M. Cooper Dies; Active in Church Work**

Austin M. Cooper, 81, retired real estate broker, and thirty-third degree Mason, died Tuesday at his home at 4603 Walsh st., Bethesda. He had been ill for about two years.

Mr. Cooper was active in church work in Washington for 60 years. He began teaching Sunday school soon after the turn of the century at the old St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 8th and B sts. sw.

When that church was merged in 1942 with the St. Mark's Incarnation Lutheran Church at 14th and Gallatin sts. nw., he continued his activities as head of the Muhlenberg Women's Class.

For the past 29 years he has been secretary to the board of directors of the Central Union Mission.

He was affiliated with the Dawson Lodge of the Masons, the Potomac Commandery and the Scottish Rite Temple. He also was a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of District of Columbia.

Born in Mountain Falls, Va., Mr. Cooper came here at the age of 21. For about 30 years he was a produce dealer at Western and Riggs markets. Later he was a real estate broker with offices at 1108 I st. nw. He retired about nine years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertie W. Cooper, and four children, Mrs. Anna C. Brassor, 4608 Nottingham dr., Chevy Chase, Md.; Mrs. Virginia C. Upchurch, Waldorf, Md.; Julian W. Cooper, 4506 N. 32d rd., Arlington, and Elbert M. Cooper, Selma, Ala. Also surviving are a sister and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pennsylvania ave. nw. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.