

Mellice E. Cornish

(- 7 Jun 1959)

Cornish, Mellice E. On Sunday, June 7, 1959, at his residence, 2256 High st. se., Mellice E. Cornish, the beloved husband of Marnie H. Cornish, father of Lucille Scaggs, Gladys Dick, Florence Simpson, Melvin and Vernon Hamby. Funeral from the Simmons Brothers Funeral Home, 1661 Good Hope rd. se. (parking facilities), on Wednesday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m. Services at Anacostia Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Mellice E. Cornish, 89; Never Missed Day's Work

Mellice E. Cornish, 89, retired Navy Yard machinist, died Sunday at his home, 2256 High street S.E.

When Mr. Cornish retired from the Navy Yard 29 years ago he left a perfect record there. In the years between 1900 and 1930 he had never missed a day of work.

Mr. Cornish was well known in the Southeast as a civic leader and real estate developer.

Since his retirement, he had been buying small houses and restoring them for sale. He also built several apartment houses. These projects were as much a hobby for Mr. Cornish as they were a means of support.

Four years ago, on his 85th birthday, more than 100 Southeast citizens turned out to wish him well.

He was a member of the Anacostia Lodge, the Anacostia Citizens Association and the Anacostia M.E. Church. He also was an active worker for the Southeast Hospital.

In his younger days, Mr. Cornish worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mamie Cornish, of the home address, and three daughters, Mrs. Lucile Scages, Mrs. Gladys Dick and Mrs. Florence Simpson, all of Tucson, Ariz. He also leaves two stepsons, Mevin Hamby, of Tucson, and Vernon Hamby, of the home address, and a brother, Emie Cornish of Bear Lake, Pa.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. today at the Anacostia Methodist Church, with burial in the Congressional Cemetery.

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Mellice E. Cornish

Funeral services for Mellice E. Cornish were held yesterday at Anacostia Methodist Church, Mr. Cornish, who never missed a day's work in 30 years as a Navy Yard machinist, died Sunday at his home, 2256 High st. se., at the age of 89.

Born in Bear Lake, Pa., he taught school there for two years before going to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He came to Washington 60 years ago.

He worked at the Navy Yard from 1900 to 1930, when he retired. Since then, he had been buying houses, restoring and renting them. He had also built several apartment buildings.

Mr. Cornish held 50-year-pins in the Masonic Lodge and the National Association of Machinists. He was an active worker for the Southeast Hospital, and a member of the Anacostia Methodist Church and the Anacostia Citizens Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mamie Cornish of the home address; three daughters, Lucile Scaggs, Gladys Dick and Florence Simpson, all of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Emie, of Bear Lake, and two stepsons, Vernon Hamby, of the home address, and Melvin Hamby, of Tucson.