

## Charles Mellen

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**Mellen, Charles.** On Monday, April 3, 1961, Charles Mellen of 1225 L st. n.w. Graveside services and interment on Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m., in Congressional Cemetery. Arrangements by the Rinaldi Funeral Home.

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### **Funeral Today For Newsdealer 'Pops' Mellen**

Funeral services for Charles (Pops) Mellen, who sold newspapers at the corner of 14th and L sts. nw. for more than 20 years, will be held at 1 p.m. today at Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Mellen, known to Washingtonians for years as Pops, died Monday at D.C. General Hospital. He was 81.

He became a news dealer when a circulation manager for one of the Washington papers spotted him sick and jobless on the steps of the Central Union Mission during the depression.

Before that Pops had run away from his coal-mining family's home in England and spent a quarter of a century at sea sailing around the Horn, before there was a Panama Canal. Later he was a lumberjack, longshoreman and furniture maker.