

Louis McC. Morrison

(- 3 Jan 1909)

Morrison. Departed this life suddenly on Sunday, January 3, 1909, Louis M. Morrison, the beloved husband of Ida C. Morrison (nee Bassett) and father of Stanley B. Morrison, aged 31 years.

Our home is said; O God, how dreary;
Sad and lonesome every spot.
We listen for his footsteps until weary;
Weary, we hear them not.

By His Wife and Child

Funeral private, at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 7. Interment Congressional cemetery.

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Barber Kills Himself

Louis M. Morrison Inhaled Gas in His Shop -- No Known Troubles

Louis M. Morrison, twenty three years of age, known as "Mike" to friends in Southeast Washington, where he conducted a barber shop, was the first to commit suicide in Washington this year.

His body was found in his shop, 653 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, early yesterday morning by Policeman Romer. A gas tube extending from a water heater to the mouth of the dead man was enough to show that death had not resulted from accident.

Coroner Nevitt made an investigation later in the day. He gave a certificate showing that death had resulted from poisoning by gas inhaled with suicidal intent.

Morrison, married only three years lived at 1105 South Carolina avenue. The southeast largely patronized his shop.

Saturday night, Morrison told his assistants that he was going to be away for a short while. He failed to return, but no particular attention was paid to his absence.

It is believed he returned to the shop after midnight, and made quick work of his effort to end his life. When Policeman Romer discovered something wrong in the shop he sent a hurried call to the Casualty Hospital. The physician who responded found life extinct.

The police were unable to determine why Morrison had taken his life. He had never, his friends say, shown signs of despondency.

Morrison is survived by his wife and son. His parents and two brothers live at 405 10th street southeast. This morning the body was removed to the South Carolina avenue house and arrangements made for the funeral

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Funeral of L.M. Morrison

Interment in Congressional Cemetery, Following Services

Funeral services over the remains of Louis M. Morrison, who died suddenly last Sunday morning, were held at his late residence, 1103 South Carolina avenue southeast, yesterday afternoon, after which the remains were conveyed to Congressional cemetery, where interment was made.

Mr. Morrison was a member of Anacostia Lodge, F.A.A.M.; Anacostia Chapter, R.A.M.; and Orient Commandery, K.T., and of the Sons of Veterans, all of which bodies were represented at the funeral.