James O'Malley, Jr.

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By Crais Herndon-The Washington Pest At right, James O'Malley holds a sheet of school work done by his son, James Jr., a fire casualty.

James O'Malley Jr., 6, who was burned in a fire June 7 in a row house on K Street NW, died Friday night in Children's Hospital, raising the death toll in the fire to four.

The boy had been trapped by smoke and fire on the second floor of the two-story brick house at 1006 K St. NW with three other persons, all of whom were burned to death.

The other victims were the boy's mother, Doris O'Malley, 46, Martha Engin, 68, and Dolores Denise McFadden, a 9-month-old girl.

The boy's father, James O'Malley, a day laborer was not at home at the time of the fire. He told a reporter later that he believed that his wife had mitigated the severity of the boy's burns by shielding him with her body.