

## Joseph Parsons

(1844 – 9 Sep 1924)

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**Parsons.** At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Buzzone, 702 North Carolina ave. s.e, Joseph, the beloved husband of the late Rachael Vermillion. Funeral Thursday, 11 a.m. Interment private.

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### **Joseph Parson Dies at Age of 80 Years**

#### **Served 48 Years as Engineer in District Schools -- Retired in 1921**

Joseph Parsons, 80 years old, and an engineer in the District public schools for 46 years, died at his residence, 702 North Carolina avenue southeast, yesterday. Mr. Parsons had been in ill health since his retirement three years ago.

Coincident was the death last Friday of Alexander Tait Stuart, director of intermediate instruction in the public schools for many years, of whom Mr. Parsons was a great admirer, and although the latter himself ill, inquired each day about the condition of his former superior. For fear it would make him much worse, Mr. Parsons' relatives refrained from telling him when Mr. Stuart died.

Born in Baltimore in 1844, Mr. Parsons moved to this city when he was 10 years old. For three years he was stationed as engineer at the old Cranch School, and for the last 12 years of his service, he was stationed at the Wallach School.

#### *Honored By Officials*

Honored by school officials; teachers and pupils it was with much regret that any of those connected with the schools heard of his retirement. As a means of expressing some of the appreciation felt for his long and faithful service with the school, on the day of his retirement he was tended a reception by school officials and presented with a pot of gold. It was with deep sorrow that school officials and former pupils alike, who had often been warmed by the rays of the furnace, which he always saw was warm when needed, learned of his death.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mary Craft, Mrs. Elmira Buzzone and Mrs. Lottie Webb, all of this city; two grandchildren, Miss Elimira Buzzone, also of this city, and Marvin Hollohan of Baltimore, Md., and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. John C. Ball of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.