

William E. Peake

(- 7 Aug 1948)

Peake, William E. On Saturday, August 7, 1948, William E. Peake of Reva, Md., beloved husband of Live Peake, father of William O. Peake, brother of Mrs. LeRoy Chamberlan and Warren Peake. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th st. and Mass. Ave. n.e., where services will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 11:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Rites Will Be Held For William E. Peake Tomorrow Morning

Funeral services for William E. Peake, 46, former Washington newspaperman who died of a heart attack while driving near his home in nearby Maryland, Saturday night, will be held at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Lee Funeral Home, Fourth street and Massachusetts avenue N.E.

Mr. Peake died about 9 p.m. Saturday, shortly before the car he was driving swerved off the Crain Highway near Pigeon House Inn, about 15 miles north of Annapolis. His car struck a pole, toppling wires carrying 44,000 volts of electricity.

Dr. John M. Claffey, county medical examiner, said Mr. Peake died of a heart attack a few seconds before his car left the road.

Figured in Accident in 1934

Mr. Peake was the driver of a car in which another newspaperman, Daniel deSouza, then a reporter for The Star and president of the Washington Newspaper Guild, was killed during Christmas week in 1934.

At that time, the two men were en route with Christmas gifts for children of striking newspapermen in Newark, N.J., when their car crashed into a stalled truck near Hyattsville on the Washington-Baltimore boulevard.

During Mr. Peake's 16-year newspaper career, he had worked on general assignment and as a police reporter and copy reader on the old Washington Times, the Washington Herald, the Washington Post, and for the Times-Herald when the two papers were merged.

His first news writing assignments were with the Washington Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune here 25 years ago.

With OWI During War

Mr. Peake's last newspaper connection was with the Times-Herald in 1941. He subsequently did public relations work for Doctors Hospital here, and during the war he was employed with the Office of War Information and as a monitor with the Federal Communications Commission.

After the war Mr. Peake was an associate editor of the Army Transportation Journal, but retired from the writing field in 1947 because of poor health. Recently, he had operated the farm produce stands around Annapolis. He was returning from an inspection of them when he died.

A native of Washington, Mr. Peake was a graduate of McKinley Technical High School. Although under age for military service in World War I, he served several years in the merchant marine. He had received a law degree from National University here.

Mr. Peake is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olive King Peake, and son William, with whom he lived in Riva, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlain of Hyattsville, and a brother, Warren Peake, of Haymarket, Va.

The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. James T. Bard, Methodist chaplain for students at George Washington University and the University of Maryland. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.