

John T.D. Pyles, Sr. (- 26 Jan 1943)

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His Business Growing

J.T.D. Pyles Opens a New Store at 948 Louisiana Avenue

One of the most enterprising men in the city is Mr. J.T.D. Pyles, the grocer. For several years Mr. Pyles has had four groceries, in different sections of the city, and one in Anacostia, each doing a big business. Now he has leased and fitted up another, located at 948 Louisiana avenue northwest. Any one who knows Mr. Pyles will not question the success of this, his latest venture. To pluck, energy and good judgment he largely owes his success. Then, again Mr. Pyles believes in selling to the consumer at the closest possible margin of profit. He makes this possible by buying in big lots, and, having five stores, he must necessarily buy five times as much as the average grocer, which means car-load lots are proportionately lower prices. His new store will be devoted to the wholesale trade as well as retail, and those desiring to lay in a supply of "good things" for Christmas will find it to their advantage to visit this new store. Mr. Pyles is a thorough believer in newspaper advertising, and things the columns of The Star are especially productive of good results.

Pyles, John T.D. on Tuesday, January 26, 1943, at Richmond, Va., John T.D. Pyles, formerly of Riverdale, Md., husband of Grace D. Pyles and father of Col. Will LeRoy Pyles, U.S.A., retired; Mrs. Minnie Jacobs, Mrs. Anna Pigott, Mrs. Ruth Warren, Mrs. Grace Vincent, Russell Pyles, Miss Marian F. Pyles, Eliot T. Pyles, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Paul E. Pyles, Mrs. Katharine Ryan and Mrs. Esther P. Salisbury. Services at Chambers' Riverdale funeral home on Thursday, January 28, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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J.T.D. Pyles, Grocery Chain Pioneer, Dies

J.T.D. Pyles, 85, owner of the first chain of grocery stores here, died yesterday in Richmond at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Warren.

A resident of Riverdale, Md., until nine months ago, when he and Mrs. Pyles moved to Richmond, Mr. Pyles retired from the grocery business 22 years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Chambers Funeral Home in Riverdale.

Besides his widow, Mr. Pyles is survived by four sons, Col. W.L. and Eliot T., New York; Russell, Olean, N.Y., and Paul E. Pyles, Jersey City, and eight daughters, Mrs. Minnie Jacobs, Mrs. Anna Pigott and Miss Marian F. Pyles of Washington; Mrs. Grace Vincent and Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Hyattsville; Mrs. Katharine Ryan, Jersey City; Mrs. Esther Salisbury, Pinecrest, Va., and Mrs. Warren. There are 19 grandchildren and one great-grand-child.

Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, January 28, 1943, p. B8

John T.D. Pyles Funeral Rites Scheduled Today

Funeral services for John T.D. Pyles, 85, who started his career in the grocery business selling a quarter's worth of melons at a profit and ended owning 19 stores, Washington's first chain, when he

retired, will be held today at 11 a.m. at Chambers Riverdale funeral home, 5801 Cleveland Avenue. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Pyles died Tuesday in Richmond, Va., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Warren, where he had gone to visit several months ago. His home in Riverdale was formerly at 614 Jefferson Avenue.

Surviving are his wife, Grace D. Pyles; four sons, Col. Will LeRoy Pyles, U.S.A., retired of New York; Russell Pyles, well known for his work in developing the air-cooled Diesel engine, of Olean, N.Y.; Elliot Pyles, New York artist, and Paul Pyles of Jersey City, N.J.; eight daughters, Mrs. Minnie Jacobs, Mrs. Anna Pigott and Miss Marian F. Pyles of Washington, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris and Mrs. Grace Vincent of Hyattsville, Mrs. Katharine Ryan of Jersey City, Mrs. Esther Salisbury, Pinecrest, Va., and Mrs. Warren, and 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.