

## William Chester Thom

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### **William C. Thom**

#### **Retired Civil Engineer**

William C. Thom, 91, a retired civil engineer, died Monday at his home, 1345 Hemlock St. NW.

A life-long resident of Washington, Mr. Thom received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Columbian University in 1904 and a master's degree a year later, after it had become George Washington University.

He started work in the design department of the Washington Navy Yard and became its chief draftsman during World War I.

After the war, he was named chief civilian engineer in charge of the design department, a position he held until retirement in 1948.

For his work in helping to develop ordnance designs for combat ships, Mr. Thom received a certificate and emblem for meritorious service to the Navy and a citation of distinguished civilian service.

He was a life member and former officer of the Washington Society of Engineers and a former officer of the George Washington Alumni Association, which presented him its annual award in 1946.

He is survived by a daughter, Myrtle Thom McKnew, of the home; a brother, George Lloyd, of Riviera Beach, Fla., two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.