

Bessie Lee VanDriesen

(1890 – 1 Feb 1958)

VanDriesen, Bessie Lee. On Saturday, February 1, 1958, at Doctors Hospital, Bessie Lee VanDriesen of 1537 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, Md., beloved wife of Cleve VanDriesen and sister of Mrs. Hubert F. Teitman, aunt of Dr. Richard and Frances Fischer. Survived by two grand-nieces, Anne Lee and Linda Fischer, and one grand-nephew, Richard Fischer, jr. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th and Massachusetts ave. n.e., where services will be held on Tuesday, February 4, at 10 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to the Cancer Fund.

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Mrs. Bessie Van Driesen, Teacher Here 40 Years

Mrs. Bessie Tegeler VanDriesen, 68, a fourth-generation Washingtonian who was a teacher here for 40 years, died this morning at Doctors Hospital of cancer.

Mrs. VanDriesen was a pioneer in modern teaching techniques here and later worked in the music department of the public schools. She began her teaching career after her graduation from the old Washington Normal School in 1908, and continued until retirement eight years ago.

Her first assignment was at the old Benning School. Mrs. VanDriesen later taught at the Brightwood School, the District's demonstration school, before going into the music department. In the latter post, she visited all of the Washington schools as a leader in community sings, and directed creative work in music in the classrooms.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Tegeler.

Mrs. VanDriesen is survived by her husband, Cleve, and sister, Mrs. Hubert F. Teitman, both of the home address, 1537 East-West highway, Silver Spring; her nephew, Dr. Richard Henry Fischer; two grandnieces and a grandnephew, all of Sumner, Md.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Lee funeral home.

The family asks that expressions of sympathy be sent to the cancer fund.