

A. L. Taylor, Active in Civic Groups, Dies

Services for Dr. A. Langston Taylor, 63, active in fraternal and civic groups, will be held at 1 p. m. Friday at Lincoln Congregational Temple, 11th and R sts. nw. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Suitland, Md.

Dr. Taylor, a retired Smithsonian Institution employe, died Saturday at his home, 1517 Vermont ave. nw. He was a graduate of Howard University and Frelinghuysen Law School. He held degrees in physiotherapy and law.

A 33d degree Mason, he was a member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 9 and Jonathan Davis Consistory. He also was a member of Elks Lodge No. 85 and the Society of Sponsors.

Dr. Taylor was a charter member of the Derby Club, a social group; and was a founder of Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and its sister group, Zeta Phi Beta sorority, at Howard University.

His interest in art and music led him to establish the Taylor Art Museum at his home. He recently helped reactivate the Historical Amphion Glee Club. He also was a board member of the National Negro Opera Company and the National Negro Business League.

A native of Somerville, Tenn., Dr. Taylor had lived in the area more than 40 years. He retired from the Smithsonian about four years ago.

A bachelor, he is survived by a sister in Memphis, Tenn., and another in Philadelphia, Pa.