



LAVINIA ENGLE

Suffragette Lavinia Engle Dies at 87

Lavinia M. Engle, 87, former member of the Maryland General Assembly and a retired government official, died May 29 at the Bethesda Retirement and Nursing Center in Chevy Chase after a stroke. Her residence was at 500 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring.

A 1912 graduate of Antioch College, Miss Engle became a field organizer for the National American Women's Suffrage Association and in 1921 became executive secretary of the Maryland League of Women Voters.

After a four-year term in the House of Delegates she entered national politics in 1932 as head of the women's division of the Speakers Bureau for the 1932 Presidential campaign of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

During World War I, Miss Engle helped organize a suffrage field hospital staffed by women and following the war she went overseas with the YMCA Canteen Service working in France, Belgium and occupied Germany.

Later a regional director of the old Social Security Board, Miss Engle was staff assistant to the commissioner at the time of her retirement in 1964. In 1972 she was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging and served many years on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging.

Survivors include a sister, Rilla M. Schroeder of Miami, and two brothers, Melvin D. Engle of Allentown, Pa. and Earle F. Engle of Arlington, Va.

Memorial services were held June 1 at the Warner E. Pumphrey funeral home in Silver Spring with interment in Glenwood Cemetery in D.C.