

Donald H. Sage, CIA Aide, Civil War Researcher

Donald H. Sage, 71, a retired Central Intelligence Agency official, died Saturday in Tucson, Ariz., after a long illness.

A resident of Herndon, Va., for 14 years, he had retired and moved to Tucson last August.

Sage came to the Washington area in 1942 to become a captain in the Chemical Warfare division of the Army. At the end of the war he served with the Office of Price Administration and with the War Department. He joined the CIA in 1949 and retired in 1962.

At his death, he was carrying out extensive research on the Civil War, based on a family diary which he annotated and edited.

Sage began his career as the treasurer of the H. C. Fry Glass Co., in Rochester, Pa. He then became an investment counselor in New York City for many years, and also owned and managed a retail food shop there before coming to Washington.

A member of the class of 1918 at Yale, he left college during World War I to serve in Europe as a lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He was later awarded an honorary degree by the university, where he had been a member of the Elizabethan Club and the Yale Glee Club.

Born in Baltimore, he grew up in Pittsburgh and Rochester.

He leaves his wife, Annie Rene Sage of Tucson; two sons, Louis D., of New York City, and Henry J. of Fort Sill, Okla.; three daughters, Mrs. German Perez, wife of the chancellor of the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington; Mrs. Agnes Johnston, of Buffalo, and Miss Marguerite Sage, of New York City, and 10 grandchildren. A third son Donald H. Sage Jr., died while serving in Asia in World War II.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Ft. Myer Chapel, with burial in Arlington Cemetery.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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