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Nation Mourns Death of Bill Matthews

Boston, Mass., April 20.—After impressive services were held in the Columbus Ave. A. M. B. Zion church, William Clarence Matthews, special assistant attorney general of the United States and former Harvard athlete, was laid to rest Monday in the Cambridge cemetery, overlooking Harvard stadium, the place of his greatest athletic triumpli.

The rites were conducted by Rev. Benjamin W. Swain. He was assisted by Revs. William Clarke, David Kingh and Charles Winthrop. The body was brought here for burial from Washington, D. C., where brief services were held in the funeral parlors of Robert Grayson McGuire of 1820 Ninth St. N. W.

At the seat of New England culture, representatives from the United States marshals, state house, city of Boston and Harvard college were present. President Coolidge and Attorney General Sargent sent telegrams. Senators, congressmen, less important government and state officials likewise sent condolences and tributes.

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At the nation's capital Dr. Emmett
J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard university, eulogized "Matty," as
he was known all over the country
during his college career. Judge
Gustave A. Iverson, a special assistant to the attorney general, spoke
on behalf of the department of justice. Lester Dorsey of Howard university glee club sang.

Before Rev. Mr. Swain began the
solemn cereinony, Arthur Snith,
tenor, sang a solo. The silence of the
audlence was broken by women sobbing in different pews about the main
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Scated with the widow, Mrs. Penelope Lloyd Matthews, on the front bench were Attorneys David E. Crawford, Robert M. Stevens of Pittsburgh, Matthew Bullock, Augustus Plumnier, Ernest Cooke, William H. Lewis. Edgar Benjamin, Clement Morgan, Walter Foster and C. W. Williams.
Also Drs. Benjamin Robinson, Samuel Courtney, Andrew Lattimore, Silas Taylor and John Hall, Robert Wilson, Edward Barco, William Reed, Monroe Trotter, Julius Stone, West Hamilton of Washington, Maj. Larkland Hewett. Munroe Mason, Louis St. Armond, William Goodell, Joseph Severino. Robert Dixon, Jordon Williams, William Hard and Alford Taverino of Springheld, Mass. The active pallbearers were members from company L of the Second Massachusetts infantry.

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In Washington the honorary pallbearers were Judge James A. Cobb, William L. Houston, John R. Hawkins, Perry W. Howard, John T. Risher, Karl F. Phillips, Arthur G. Froe, Dr. M. O. Dunnas, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Charles P. Moore of Boston, Charles E. Hall, Thomas Walker, J. Finley Wilson, Robert J. Nelson, B. F. Morrison, John D. Gainey and Dr. Scott. The active pailbearers were J. Louis Taylor, James F. Armstrong, P. H. Allen, Dr. E. H. Allen, J. Franklin Wilson, Mr. Rembert, E. N. Brondnaxe and M. S. Koonce.

Mr. Matthews died at the Curtis private surgical sanitarium on April 9, following an operation on that morning for a perforated gastric ulcer. He was born 51 years ago in Selma, Ala.