

## DUKE ELLINGTON'S FATHER IS DEAD

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ed between the Ellington children and father which grew even stronger after the passing of their mother over whose death he grieved deeply. He was a close pal and companion to his son, making many trips with him, and Duke in return tried to gratify his every wish. To his young daughter, Ruth, a student at Columbia, he was utterly devoted.

He is also survived by one grandchild, Mercer E. Ellington, son of the Duke who is following in his father's footsteps and is matriculating at present in the Julliard School of music in this city.

Funeral services were held at Rodney Dade Inc., funeral chapel, 137th street and Seventh avenue, last Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. It was attended only by the immediate family and intimate friends who filled the chapel to overflowing, many notables of both races being present. The handsome casket of bronze was wholly covered and surrounded with beautiful floral pieces. A blanket of red roses coming from the Duke and an exquisite floral piece from Irvin Mills, Duke's co-partner. After the funeral services here attended by Father R. F. Myers with vocal and organ renditions which included the deceased's favorite song "Jesus Lover Helen Bates Williams, the body was shipped to Washington accompanied by the family. There in Washington the funeral services were completed at John Wesley A. M. E. Church, 14th and Cocoran street, northwest, of which Mr. Ellington was for many years an active member. Interment took place at Harmony Cemetery besides his devoted wife, Daisy. Hundreds of wires were received from notables and others in all parts of the world. Those the Duke was unable to answer, he wishes to take this medium of thanking for their sympathy.