

Reigart Santmyers, 70; Restaurateur, War Hero

Reigart M. Santmyers, 70, Washington restaurant owner, World War I hero and retired Government worker, died Wednesday at his home, 4390 Lorcom la., Arlington, after a heart attack.

Mr. Santmyers received the

French government's Croix de Guerre for his World War I service with the French Ambulance Corps, 37th French Chasseur Alpine Division and later with the 6th French Army.

He also was decorated for service in two Marne campaigns with the American Expeditionary Force after the United States entered the war.

After the War, Mr. Santmyers was employed by the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and the Bureau of Mines.

He then left Government service to operate "L'Escargot," a French restaurant formerly on Connecticut ave. between L and M sts. nw.

From 1941 to 1959, when he retired, Mr. Santmyers was employed by the Tariff Commission as an industrial analyst for non-metallic minerals.

A native of Front Royal, Va., he was graduated from Georgetown University.

Mr. Santmyers is survived by his wife, Helen, and a nephew, Charles H. Walton of Deale, Md.