

## Istvan Ferenczi, Retired Geology Professor, 76

Istvan Ferenczi, 76, a retired geology professor and research scientist, died Sunday at Washington Hospital Center after a long illness. He had been living at 2339 40th Place NW.

A native of Hungary, Dr. Ferenczi was born in Transylvania before it became a part of Rumania after World War I. He was educated in various schools of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Transylvania, and earned his doctorate in geology with highest honors at the University of Kolozsvar, Hungary.

While still in his native land, Dr. Ferenczi was a member of the Royal Hungarian Institute of Geology and chairman of the geology department at the University of Debrecen, where he served for a time as dean of the philosophical faculty. His teaching career also included several years on the faculty of Szeged University in Hungary.

Around 1951 Dr. Ferenczi came to the United States, and taught geology at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, N.C. For several years he engaged in scientific research, first at the University of Virginia and most recently at the Military Geological Branch in the District. He retired in 1965.

Dr. Ferenczi belonged to several professional societies, including Sigma Xi and the Geological Society of Washington, and authored several scientific papers.

He leaves his wife, Irene.

Services were scheduled for noon today at the De Vol Funeral Home, 2222 Wisconsin Avenue N.W., with burial at Rock Creek Cemetery.

