

Obit Smith William J.
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Obituary

WILLIAM J. SMITH

William J. Smith died suddenly last Sunday, February 20, at his home on Northwest Street in Palmyra, at the age of 73.

He was born in Moberley, Missouri, September 17, 1898, the son of Jim and Rosella Smith. He left Moberley at the age of 23 to work for the Milwaukee Railroad. On June 30, 1928, he married Grace Copper. She died August 23, 1969.

Mr. Smith was Supervisor of Public Works for the City of Whitewater for 10 years and a foreman at Briggs-Stratton Corporation, Milwaukee, for 19 years, moving to Palmyra on retirement, where he has resided for the past eight years. He was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Palmyra.

On October 16, 1971, he was married to Hilda E. Mundt, of Milwaukee, in St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Palmyra.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth D. Smith of W. Collingswood, New Jersey; William G. Smith of Eagle and Donald D. Smith of Palmyra; one daughter, Mrs. Wayne (Jeanine) Finger of Milwaukee and seven grandchildren. One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Services were at the Smith Funeral Home, Palmyra, yesterday, (Wednesday), February 23, at 1:30 p.m., with the Reverend C. David Jacobson of Rome, officiating.

Mrs. John Orchard was organist, and accompanied Mrs. Gerald Blomiley when she sang, "Abide With Me."

Pallbearers were Olaf Hagen, Wayne Finger, David Ullrich, Arnold Grosskoph, Harvey Freudenstein and Ellwood Mould.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Palmyra.