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Miss Estelle Smith Dies This Morning

Miss Estelle M. Smith, 71, member of a prominent Decatur family, and lifelong resident of this city, died suddenly at 4 o'clock this morning at her home, 403 West Madison street, following a heart attack.

She was born in Decatur Aug. 27, 1892, a daughter of Benjamin J. and Elizabeth Forbing-Smith, and was associated with the Smith Drug Co.

Miss Smith was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia and the Rosary society.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Virgine Smith and Mrs. Carl (Rose Mary) Klepper, both of Decatur; one brother, Elmo A. Smith, of Decatur, and a number of nieces and nephews. One brother preceded her in death.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The Rosary society will hold services at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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