

## **Decatur, IN Public Library Obit Book B -1963-1964**

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### **Mrs. Elmo Smith Is Taken By Death**

Mrs. Pauline Smith, 65, of 334 North First street, wife of Elmo Smith, prominent Decatur druggist died Friday afternoon at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Smith assisted for many years in operation of the Smith Drug store, managed by her husband.

She was born in Bellevue, O., Aug. 1, 1898, a daughter of Anthony and Theresa Ruffing-Gerhardstein, and was married to Elmo Smith Aug. 7, 1922.

Mrs. Smith was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rosary society, Third Order of St. Francis, the St. Vincent de Paul society, and the auxiliaries of the Elks, American Legion and Knights of Columbus.

Surviving, in addition to her husband: are two sons, Eugene F. Smith of Fullerton, Calif., and Paul A. Smith of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Moore of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Robert and Thomas Gerhardstein of Bellevue, O. Atto Gerhardstein of St. Stephens, O., and Herman Gerhardstein of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Nora Wurm of Bellevue, O., and 10 grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

A solemn requiem high mass will be said at 9:15 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt as celebrant, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Durkin as deacon and the Rev. John Gillig as sub-deacon. 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 Third Order of St. Francis will conduct services at 7 p.m. Sunday, following by the Rosary society at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

**Transcribed by Janice Vasilovski**