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Fred R. Smith dies after long illness

Fred R. Smith, 80, of 318 South Third street, well -known retired businessman, died at 3:27 p.m. Friday at the Adams county memorial hospital following an extended illness.

A lifelong resident of the community, he was born in Adams county Aug. 29, 1889, to William R. and Nancy J. Rice-Smith, and was married to Jean B. Lutz May 6, 1915.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Presbyterian church, which he had served as an elder and a member of Decatur lodge 571, F & AM, and the Scottish Rite. He retired a number of years ago after being associated in business with a son.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Clark W. Smith and Lewis L. Smith, both of Decatur route 4; two sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Lachnit of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Don K. (Irene) Vancil of Cincinnati, O., one brother, Robert J. Smith of Indianapolis; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One son, Frederick, one sister and five brothers are deceased.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the Winteregg-Linn funeral home, with Rev. Robert Vander Hart officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. Preferred memorials are to be to the Presbyterian church building fund or the American Cancer society.

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