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HENRY SMITLEY, 61, CUSTODIAN OF FAIRGROUND, DIES

Henry A. Smitley, 61, of 134 Balyeat Avenue, custodian of the fairground for the past five years, died unexpectedly of heart disease about 8:45 a.m. today. The victim suffered a light attack Sunday night and a second attack occurred this morning. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The deceased, a native of Ross County, O., was born December 9, 1888, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smitley. He was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his widow, Viola; three sons, Junior at home, Harold of Portland, Ind., and Robert of 721 Glenn Street; four brothers, Rolie and Floyd Smitley of Decatur, Ind., Charles of Berne, Ind., and William of Sturgis, Mich.; a half-brother, Rev. C. Smitley of Florida; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Foreman of Decatur, Mrs. Clara Edgell of Pleasant Mills, Ind., Mrs. Ella Speakman of Decatur RFD, and Mrs. Anna Collins of Oregon; and 10 grandchildren. Two children preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements in charge of the Gamble-Alspach Funeral Home have not been completed.