

(Handwritten: Died Tuesday, June 4, 1940)

MOTHER OF "BIRD BOY" ART SMITH CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Ida Smith, 72, mother of Fort Wayne's "Bird Boy," Art Smith, died of heart disease at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday at the Lutheran Hospital where she became a patient last Saturday.

Art Smith, well-known pioneer aviator, was killed February 12, 1926, in a plane crash at Bryan, O., while flying the U.S. mail between Chicago and Cleveland during a fog. His aviation exploits gained him a place in the aviation hall of fame. A memorial was erected to him several years ago in Memorial Park, here.

Mrs. Smith resided with her sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Steele, 2118 Maumee avenue, since death of her husband, James F. Smith, last July 10. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Klaehn & Sons' Funeral Home with the Rev. Herman R. Rose officiating. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. Friends may view the body at the funeral home after Wednesday noon.

(Handwritten date: Wed., June 5, 1940)

...FUNERAL RITES FRIDAY

(Photo of Mrs. Ida Smith)

Last rites for Mrs. Ida Smith, 72, mother of Fort Wayne's former "bird boy" will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Klaehn & Sons Funeral Home, with the Rev. Herman Rose officiating. The mother of Art Smith, famous pioneer aviator, died of heart disease at the Lutheran Hospital Tuesday after being a patient since Saturday. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Pall bearers will be two nephews, Morris and Lawrence Steele, and Norbert Koch, Harold Moore, Harry Gordon and Robert Allen. Survivors include a sister with whom she lived, Mrs. Samuel J. Steele, 2118 Maumee Avenue; two nieces, Mrs. Lana Turner and Mrs. Nellie Moore, and a nephew Arthur Steele.

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