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ADAMS COUNTY NATIVE DIES

James F. Smith Dies Monday Night at Fort Wayne Hospital

James F. Smith, 76, a native of Adams county, and father of Art Smith, "the bird boy," died Monday night at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne.

Death followed an illness of five weeks. The deceased was born in Adams county and before moving to Fort Wayne, resided at Peterson.

He had lived in Fort Wayne for the past 40 years. Twenty-five years ago he retired as a building contractor. He had been blind for the last 15 years.

Survivors include the widow, Ida, a relative of several local persons including the Lenhart family in this city; a brother, ?? Smith, of Los Angeles, California and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Johnson of Los Angeles and Mrs. Josephine Miller of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 12:?? o'clock (CST) at the Klaehn & Son's funeral home in Fort Wayne and burial will be in the Lindenwood Cemetery.

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SMITH SERVICES ON SATURDAY

Father of "Birdboy" Art Smith Dies After Five Weeks' Illness

Funeral services for James F. Smith, father of Art Smith, deceased, Fort Wayne's pioneer aviator will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Klaehn & Sons Funeral Home, the Rev. Herman Rose officiating. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Smith died at 7:05 p.m. Monday at the Methodist Hospital following an illness of five weeks. He resided at ??? Spring Street.

Born in Adams County, he had lived in Fort Wayne the last ? years. He retired 25 years ago as a building contractor. He had been blind the last 15 years.

Survivors include the widow, Ida; a brother, Henry O. Smith, of Los Angeles, and two sisters, Mrs. Lou?? Johnson, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Josephine Miller, of Fort Wayne.

Art Smith was killed in an airplane accident in Ohio on February 12, 1924.

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