

Paul A. Smith Dies Wednesday Evening

Paul A. Smith, 39, of 2908 Kenwood Ave., Fort Wayne, former resident of Decatur, died at 7:20 o'clock Wednesday evening at Parkview memorial hospital, following an extended illness. He had been a patient at the hospital for 23 days.

He was born in Bellevue, O., Nov., 1924, a son of Elmo and Pauline Gerhardstein-Smith, but lived in Decatur during most of his younger life. He graduated from the Decatur Catholic high school and from Purdue University in 1949.

Mr. Smith had been employed as a pharmacist at the Bushbaum drug store in Fort Wayne for the past 15 years.

A veteran of World War 11, he was a member of ST. Jude's Catholic church, its Holy Name society, the Knights of Columbus, B.P.O. Elks, American Legion Post 47, and Alpha Sigma Phi social fraternity.

Mr. Smith was a past president of the Fort Wayne Pharmaceutical Association and a member of the Indiana State Pharmaceutical Association.

Surviving are his wife, the former Phyllis Owens of Decatur; a daughter, Cheryl, and two sons, Daniel and Michael, all at home; his father, Elmo Smith, Decatur druggist; one brother, Eugene Smith of Fullerton, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Edwin (Yvonne) Moore of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the D. O. McComb & sons funeral home, and at 10 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic church. Msgr. Charles Girardot will officiate and burial will be in the Fort Wayne Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today. The Holy Name society will recite the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Friday.