

Martin Cyrill Smith

Martin Cyrill Smith was born March 27, 1874, in Cedar County, Missouri, and departed this life Dec. 1, 1967 at the Texas County Memorial Hospital at Houston, Mo., at the age of 93 years, 8 months and 4 days.

In 1898, he was married to Easter Villines. December 25th they would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. To this union ten children were born.

Grandpa Smith, as he was called by his many friends, gave his heart to God and became a minister in his early twenties. He was a dedicated man that preached and lived the Bible as he believed it. He was a devoted husband and father, his life was an example for all to follow.

Three children preceded him in death: two sons, Claud and Roy, and one daughter, Clara. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, Easter; six sons, Floyd of Ceres, Calif., Dallas, Henry and Sherman of Modesto, Calif., Clyde of Hazelgreen, Mo., and Dewey of Roby, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Page of Merced, Calif.

He also leaves 37 grandchildren and more than 33 great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 4, 1967, at 3 pm at the Hopewell Baptist Church with the reverend Alphas Capps, officiating. Interment was in the Big Piney Cemetery under the direction of Moss-Williams of Waynesville.

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