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## MRS. BEN SMITH DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

WIFE OF WELL-KNOWN FARMER  
DIED SUNDAY.

She Was Critically Ill Only a Few  
Days.—Funeral Services Held  
at Bunceton Tuesday.

Mrs. Zula Smith, wife of Ben N. Smith, well known farmer and auctioneer living six miles east of Bunceton, died Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock, after having been critically ill for eight days. Mrs. Smith was stricken with acute rheumatism while in Bunceton July 2, which resulted in her death.

Funeral services largely attended and marked by a profusion of beautiful flowers, were held at the Bunceton Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. T. M. Macdonnell, of Bunceton. Active pallbearers were Cecil Cordy, Owen Cordy, Raymond Smith, Mervin Mansager, Clark Cordy and Speer Brandes.

Honorary pallbearers were Mrs. Arthur Blomquist, Mrs. R. J. Palmer, Mrs. Frank Carpenter, Mrs. M. H. Lohse, Mrs. Louis Taliaferro and Mrs. Grover Toler.

Burial was in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Miss Erma Zula Smith, daughter of the late P. F. Smith and Mrs. Margaret Smith, southwest of Bunceton. She was born June 2, 1891, and spent her entire life in her native county. She was educated in the public schools and finished her education at Missouri Valley College and Washington University, specializing in art.

On Sept. 2, 1916, she became the wife of Mr. Smith and has spent her married life at Walnut Dale Farm. She is survived by her husband and four little children, three daughters and a son, Margaret Ellen, 6 years old; Benjamin, Jr., 4; Magenta, 2 1-2; Roberta Jean, 15 months. Mrs. Smith is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Smith; five brothers, Hunter T., east of Bunceton; Homer W., near Smithton; Hubert L. near Speed, and Herschel and Harold, of the home place; and three sisters, Mrs. T. A. Nelson, Jr., Boonville; Mrs. W. C. Lewis, St. Louis, and Mrs. John E. Gieger, Ft. Worth, Texas.

### WERE MARRIED IN DECEMBER

Miss Marie Viertel, Became Bride  
of Eldon Berry, of Decatur, Ill.,  
Last Day of Old Year.

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Marie Viertel, of Boonville, to Eldon Berry, of Decatur, Ill., which took place in Sedalia December 31, 1926.

Mr. Berry visited Boonville relatives last week, and was accompanied home by his wife.

Mr. Berry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berry, of Decatur, and a nephew of James Berry of this city. He is employed by a contracting firm in Decatur.

Mrs. Berry is a graduate of the Boonville High School, and of Dunkle's Business School. She was a stenographer for the Phoenix-American Pipe Works for some time, and last winter a stenographer at Christian College, Columbia. Since the close of Christian College she has been with relatives in Boonville.

Mrs. Smith united with the Bunceton Presbyterian church in early life and lived a consecrated christian life. She possessed a happy disposition, served those about her in every way possible and was a devoted wife and mother. Her thoughtfulness and kindness for all with whom she came in contact endeared her to friends and relatives and caused her to be held in the highest esteem by everyone who knew her.

To the grief-stricken husband and other sorely bereaved ones the Advertiser extends sincere sympathy.

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