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## Mrs. W. A. Smith of Prairie Home Dies

Well Known Cooper Countian Passes.  
Was Native of County, Having  
Been Born at Otterville

Mrs. W. A. Smith, a well known and highly respected citizen of Prairie Home, died at her home Saturday night following an illness of over a year. She suffered a stroke in June, 1929, from which she never recovered, and had been confined to her bed practically all of the time since that date. About a week before her death she suddenly became much worse, and rapidly declined.

Rhoda Elizabeth Muir, daughter of Thos. and Rhoda A. (Levens) Muir, was born at Otterville on Feb. 4, 1861, and died on Sept. 27, 1930, aged over 69 years. When quite a young woman she was converted and joined the Presbyterian church at Bunceton, and later when she moved to this community, transferred her membership to the New Salem Presbyterian church. In 1906, with her husband, she joined the Prairie Home Baptist church where she remained a loyal and steadfast member, attending services and taking part in church activities until compelled a little over a year ago to give it up on account of her health.

On November 3, 1883, she was united in marriage with William A. Smith, who survives her, the ceremony taking place in the Bunceton Presbyterian church. Two children, Elmer and Mamie, were born to them, Elmer having died nine years ago last August, and Mamie survives, being now Mrs. Harold Mills, of Boonville. She also leaves four grandchildren, Jerome Mills, of Sedalia; Mrs. Virginia Graham, of Fayette; Harry and Mildred Smith, of Marselles, Ill; one sister, Mrs. Cora Cleary, of Kansas City; and one brother, William Muir, of Los Angeles, Calif., and a number of other relatives and many friends.

Mrs. Smith was an active, industrious housewife, finding her chief joy in her home and in her family to whom she was devoted. She was a lover of flowers and music, especially hymns. She felt from the first that she would never recover her health but she bravely tried to smile through the pain and discouragement.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the Prairie Home Baptist church with Rev. Loyd E. Brown in charge, preaching from Romans 8:18. Favorite songs of Mrs. Smith, "Lead Kindly Light," "God Will Take Care of You," and "Some Day We'll Understand," were sung by a quartette—Miss Genevieve Carpenter, Mrs. Frank McDonald, L. L. Williamson and E. R. Kirkpatrick, with Miss Frances Byler at the Piano. Pallbearers were Perry Dungan, Ross Mills, Frank McDonald, U. G. Southerland, N. D. Patrick, and William Hurt. Burial was in the Boonville cemetery.

## Wayne Smith, 10 Years Old, Dies

Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. D.  
Odneal of Pisgah Is Buried  
Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odneal were called to St. Joseph Saturday evening by the illness and death of their grandson, Wayne Smith, who became poisoned when he ate an apple. His brother, Wilbur, was also very ill, having been struck by a car the same evening and very badly injured. Both boys were taken to a hospital where Wayne died Sunday morning.

His body was brought to Pisgah to the home of his grandparents Monday evening, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, and a number of other relatives. Funeral services were held at the Pisgah Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Brown of Prairie Home. Burial was made in the Baptist cemetery.

Wayne Franklin Smith was born in St. Joseph June 2, 1920, being 10 years old at the time of his death. He was a pupil in the fifth grade at Hall School in St. Joseph and excelled in his studies and in athletics. He was awarded a health button by the Missouri State Fair Board for two consecutive years as a ten-point perfect boy. He leaves, beside his parents, the younger brother, Wilbur Deane, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odneal, and many other relatives and friends.

Short funeral services were held at Prairie Home before the body was brought to Pisgah for burial. Active pallbearers were Hugh, Porter, George, and Bert Odneal, with Will, Dennis, John, and Lacy Odneal as honorary pallbearers. Flower girls were: Hilda Morris, Louise Morris, Nancie Lee Hunt, Fern Bolwin, Vanita Howard, Anna Pearl Howard, Edna Odneal, and Martha Kirschman.