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Claude Smith, 63 Dies Suddenly From Heart Attack

William Claude Smith, 63, of Big Piney passed away Tuesday morning at the Pulaski County Hospital here after suffering a heart attack Monday. He had only a few weeks earlier underwent surgery and had returned home from the hospital on Saturday.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, August 1 at the Hopewell Baptist church with burial in the Big Piney cemetery. Rev. Roovil Hankins will officiate. The funeral will be under direction of the Moss-Williams Funeral Home of Waynesville.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a son, William C., Jr.; of Houston, two daughters, Virginia Page and Vesta Welch both of Big Piney; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Big Piney; six brothers, Clyde of Hazelgreen, Dewey of Roby, Henry, Dallas and Sherman, all of Modesto, Calif., and Floyd of Ceres, Calif., a sister, Bessie Page of Morecol, Calif., a stepdaughter, Donnie Welch of Tulsa, Okla., and a stepson, James Scarnon of Iowa City, Iowa, six grandchildren and three step-grandchildren and a number of other relatives.