

JOHN W. GIBBINS

SMITHTON — John W. Gibbins, 61, died at Bothwell Hospital Saturday morning. He had been a patient there for five weeks.

Mr. Gibbins was born in Mexico, Feb. 2, 1908, son of the late Cephas and Nora Stuart Gibbins.

He was employed at Rival Manufacturing Co., was a veteran of World War II, and a member of Elks and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Gibbins is survived by one sister, Mrs. Raymond (Georgia) Kurtz, 720 East 14th; an aunt, Miss Carrie Gibbins, Broadway Arms; two nephews, Virgil Kurtz, Sedalia; Gene Kurtz, South Carolina.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Heckart-Gillespie Funeral Home with the Rev. E. F. Dillon and Rev. Philip Bowline officiating.

Mrs. Keith Maynard played organ selections.

Pallbearers were Floyd Ackerman, LeRoy Groupe, Jake Klein, Olin Klein, Ralph Kurtz and Lynn Wagenknecht.

Burial was in Smithton Cemetery, where Veterans Organizations of Pettis County had military honors.

NELSON R. SMITH

Nelson Rodenbach Smith, son of the late Joseph and Ida Rodenbach Smith was born near Otterville, Mo., April 2, 1906 and passed away at Santa Ana, Calif., Aug. 1, 1969. He received his education in the Smithton Public Schools, Smithton, Mo. He united with the Otterville Baptist Church and later transferred his membership to Kansas City, Mo.

He was married to Opal Elizabeth Homan, daughter of the late David Madison and Rebecca Frances Homan on Dec. 25, 1929. They made their home in Otterville where he worked as an auto mechanic until moving to Kansas City in 1937. While living there he was employed as an Inspector by Benson Aircraft Company.

His wife, who was an invalid heart patient most of her married life, preceded him in death Oct. 18, 1948. He was a devoted husband and his kindness and caring for her will not be forgotten by members of her family and their many friends.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. June Brown Sedalla and Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Dallas, Texas; two brothers, Charles of Kansas City and Bob of Independence; also his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Lula Carson, Otterville and Mrs. Lillie Spencer, Colby, Kan.; three brothers-in-law, Leo Homan, Kansas City, Ira Homan, Otterville and Truman Homan, Versailles, and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Smith and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lettie Otten. The cremated remains of his body were buried beside that of his wife in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Otterville, Friday, Aug. 15, at 4 p.m. Private services were held with Rev. Hor-

ton, Otterville Methodist Church officiating.

FRED H. EDWARDS

OTTERVILLE — Fred H. Edwards, 75, Liberty Mo., formerly of Otterville, died Tuesday at the Osteopathic Hospital, Kansas City.

He was born in Otterville and lived in Clay County for 26 years. He was a retired farmer, and member of the Otterville Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife Ella, of the home; two sons, Fred Edwards, Houston, and Robert Edwards, Mosby; four daughters, Dorothy Gaines, Independence; Margie Mullikin, Spring Hill, Kan.; Ruth Applegate, Levittown, Pa.; and Ruby Upham, Kansas City, North; two sisters, Mrs. Lulu Scott, Smithton and Mrs. Edith Todd, Sedalia; one brother, William Edwards, St. Louis; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Joseph B. and Martha Gentry Edwards; one infant daughter, and one sister, Lena Simmons, who died last Feb. 13.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Church Archer Funeral Home Liberty.

Burial was in Liberty.

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