

Smith, Emily A. obits
Emily A. Lafferty (married Phillips, then Smith)

“Mrs. A. C. Smith Pioneer, Is Dead Resident of Woodward for More Than 43 Years: Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. A. C. Smith, 82, for more than 43 years a resident of Woodward and vicinity, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Rhoads.

Death was due to a complication of diseases brought about by her advanced years. Almost a year ago, Mrs. Smith suffered a stroke of paralysis, which left her in a seriously weakened condition. She improved somewhat during the ensuing months but was unable to regain her former health. During the last few weeks her condition had been critical, with little hope held for recovery.

Mrs. Smith was well known in the Woodward vicinity through her long residence here. She was preceded in death by her husband, a Civil War veteran, some years ago. At that time she moved her residence to Des Moines but was returned to the home of her daughter in Woodward when she was stricken a year ago.

In addition to the daughter at whose home she died she is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Helen Grimm and Mrs. Ellen Andrews, both of Des Moines.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Woodard Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. F. A. Smith, in charge, and interment was made in the Woodward cemetery.”

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“Mrs. A. C. Smith Rites Wednesday Born in 1850, Pioneer Lady Came To Iowa from Wisconsin in 1876; Resident Here 40 Years

Emily A. Smith was born in Monroe, Wis., April 24, 1850, and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Loren Rhoads, at Woodward, Iowa, July 25, 1932. She was the daughter of James and Lucinda Lafferty.

In the year of 1875 she was united in marriage to James Phillips, and in just one year she was left a widow with an infant daughter. The same year, with her daughter, she came to Ogden, Iowa to live with her parents, where in 1886 she became the wife of Asahel C. Smith, who preceded her in death in 1923. To them were born twin daughters—Mrs. Helen Grimm and Mrs. Ellen Andrews of Des Moines. Since the death of her husband she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Andrews spending apart of each year with the other daughters.

Her passing was like the life she lived—sweetly and quietly, with those she loved to kindly minister to her every wish, just as they have all done during her affliction.

In April, 1931, Mrs. Smith had a light stroke which left her helpless, but no mother was ever more gently cared for and her sincere appreciation of all the kindly deeds and loving words of those who cared for her will never be forgotten. No word of complaint ever passed her lips.

She was a good wife and a wonderful mother, always doing for others. She loved her home and family to a marked degree. Eighty-two years is a long life. It was a life well spent and today as we pay our last respects to her memory, we can only feel that the great reward will be hers. She was a member of the Methodist church of Woodward.

She leaves to mourn her departure her three daughters and seven grandchildren, many other relatives and many friends.

*As the reaper gathers the golden grain,
So the Father gathers His own:
His loves ones go to Him one by one
But never, no never alone
For the Savior pilots His loved ones home,
So safely through death's dark sea,
And the gate swings open for those who go
Ever with Him to be.*

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the M. E. church. The services were conducted by Rev. F. A. Smith, the pastor. Music was furnished by a male quartet composed of V. A. Neal, Frank Vernon, D. J. Rhoads and O. C. Miller. A duet, 'The Homeland,' was sung by Frank Vernon and Mrs. Ray Cunningham. Mrs. Floyd Cooper was pianist.

The pall bearers were Ray Vernon, Will Vernon, Lawrence Vernon, John Vernon, Dee Herdman, and Billie Andrews. The flowers were cared for by Mrs. F. M. Cooper, Mrs. Ambert Rhoads, Mrs. A. S. Bilney and Mrs. M. G. Rhoads

Card of Thanks

We take this means of thanking the many friends for their thoughtful acts of kindness and for the beautiful flowers our mother received throughout her sickness and death.

Mrs. Helen Grimm,
Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Rhoads."

Note from Janet: "Ray, Will, and Frank Vernon were all step-grandsons. Their mother, Clara, was a daughter of Asahel and Maria, his first wife. John was Will's son. Lawrence was Frank's son.