

Rev. Claude W. Smith Jr., 64

MINDEN — The Rev. Claude W. Smith Jr., pastor of the Minden United Church of Christ since 1964, was pronounced dead on arrival Sunday night at a Council Bluffs hospital after becoming ill at his home. He had preached a sermon earlier that day.

The longtime pastor was 64.

A major in the U.S. Army during World War II who had served four years in India, Rev. Smith is survived by one son, three daughters, and two brothers. None of the immediate survivors are from the greater Shelby county region.

Funeral services were tentatively set early this week for 10 a.m. Friday at the Minden United Church of Christ, with viewing possible Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Minden Church.

1979