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Mrs. Mary E. Smith

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, 88, Lexington, formerly of Clarksburg, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1996, at Santa Fe Trail Nursing Home in Lexington.

She was born March 1, 1901, in Otterville, Cooper County, a daughter of John and Sarah Coffman Rodgers. She married Harold Vincil Smith on Jan. 28, 1928, in Sedalia. He died June 1, 1969.

Mrs. Smith was a housewife and she and her husband were the largest turkey producers in Central Missouri during the 1940s. She babysat in the Boonville area for 16 years. She was a member of the South Moniteau Club and worked for the Red Cross fund drives for many years. She attended Otterville High School.

Surviving are two sons, Bobby Smith, Lexington, and Harold Smith, Columbia; one sister, Grace Scheer, Maryville; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by four brothers, Riley Rodgers, Emil Rodgers, Johnnie Rodgers and Cecil Rodgers; and four sisters, Lorene Cline, Daisy LaRue, Elizabeth "Betty" White and Nora Ross.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Chapel, California, with the Rev. Ivan Dameron officiating.

Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Memorials are suggested to Cooper County Red Cross in care of the American Red Cross, Boonville.

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