

William E. Smith, Sr. (15 Oct 1875 - 22 Jul 1946)

Smith, William E., Sr. Suddenly on Monday, July 22, 1946, at Casualty Hospital, William E. Smith, Sr., beloved husband of the late Catherine C. Smith, father of Mrs. Estelle Rogers, Mrs. Regina Kotz and William E. Smith, jr.; brother of Ernest Smith. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th st. and Mass. Ave. n.e., where services will be held on Thursday, July 25, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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William E. Smith Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for William E. Smith, 69, retired Metropolitan police detective, who died Monday at Casualty Hospital, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Lee funeral home, Fourth and Massachusetts avenue N.E. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Jr. Smith, known as "Big Billy" because of his impressive size -- he was more than 6 feet tall and at one time weighed almost 300 pounds -- retired 15 years ago from the Third Precinct after 30 years on the force.

A native of Alexandria, he lived at 652 C street N.E. He was a member of Washington Centennial Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Keith Rodgers and Mrs. Fred Kotz,, and a son William E. Smith, jr., all of Washington, and a brother, Dr. Ernest Smith, Arlington.