

Funerals

Edwin Smith Jr. Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for Edwin F. Smith, Jr., of Pittsylvania County who died yesterday in the Veterans Hospital at Richmond, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Green Pond Baptist Church. Interment will be in Highland Burial Park. The body is at Scott Funeral Home in Chatham.

Mr. Smith, aged 38, was a U. S. government tobacco grader and former professional baseball player, had been a patient at the hospital for seven months. He had made his home in Pittsylvania County all of his life until five years ago when he moved to Richmond and was employed as tobacco grader.

He was born Sept. 19, 1923, a son of Mrs. HESSIE Bailey Smith and the late Edwin F. Smith.

In the late 1940s, he was a baseball pitcher, first in the county semi-pro league and later for several years in the professional Tobacco State League in North Carolina. He was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mary Jane Miller; two daughters Debra Ann Smith and Cathy Lynne Smith, both of the home; his mother; one brother, Robert L. Smith of Chatham Rt. 3; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Yeatts of Chatham Rt. 5, Mrs. Jean Chism of Wilson, N.C., and Mrs. Carlene Reynolds of Callands; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lelia Y. Smith of Danville; and his maternal grandfather, C. T. Bailey of Chatham Rt. 3.

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