

Obituary for Elzy Crinshaw Smith

Submitted by Brian Barnes 7 April 2011

Service for Elzy Crinshaw Smith, 87, Arkansas and Oklahoma pioneer citizen, was held Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Kiowa with Rev. E. D. Sisk officiating. Burial followed in the Wardville cemetery under the direction of the Humphrey Funeral Home. Smith died last Saturday in a McAlester hospital after an extended illness. He was a resident of Kiowa. He was born in Waldron, Ark., and came to Oklahoma in 1916, settling at Wardville. He lived at Stonewall before moving to Kiowa in 1943. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kiowa and a former member of the Woodmen of the World. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ella Smith of the home; three sons, Elmer Smith, Sanger, Calif., Raymond Smith, Stockton, Calif., and Maurice Smith, Fresno, Calif.; seven daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Williams, Kiowa, Mrs. Eula Gregory, Sanger, Calif., Mrs. Essie Patton, Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Lera Witherspoon, Wardville, Mrs. Reva McKinsey, Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Sula Muse, Safford, Ariz., and Mrs. Ernestine Barnes of Arizona. Also surviving is a brother Mike Smith of Wardville; 34 grandchildren, and 50 great-grandchildren.