

Emma Schmitter

Emma M. Schmitter, 71, died early Saturday morning, November 7, 1981 in a Kirksville hospital, where she had been a patient only a few hours. Before entering the hospital, she had been a resident of Haven of Rest Nursing Home in Greentop. She had been in failing health 15 years.

The daughter of Henry and Sarah Elizabeth O'Briant Smith, she was born east of Queen City on January 15, 1910. On December 12, 1934 at Lancaster, she was married to Samuel G. Schmitter who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Virgil Schmitter, Gilbert Schmitter and William Schmitter, all of Queen City; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Wilma) Kirkman of Newton, Iowa and Naomi Schmitter of Route 5, Unionville; 12 grandchildren; and one brother, Aubrey Smith, address unknown.

Mrs. Schmitter attended Black rural school east of Queen City and was a 1929 graduate of the Queen City High School. Her entire life was spent in Schuyler County.

She was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, where she served as a primary Sunday School teacher for many years. She was chairman of the communion committee until her health failed. She was also an honorary member of the St. John's Ladies Aid.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, November 9, 1981 at 1:30 in the St. John's Lutheran Church east of Queen City. The Rev. Jon Paulus, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Music was provided by Mary Piper, Carl Brenizer, Leland Miller and Lula Figge, singing, "He Lifted Me," and "How Great Thou Art." They were accompanied by Lucille Ikerd, pianist. Burial was in the Germania Cemetery east of Queen City, under the direction of the Dooley Funeral Home in Queen City.

Bearers were: Mike Schmitter, David Kirkman, Alfred Ikerd, Floyd Ikerd, Carl Brenizer and Paul VanMeter.

Honorary bearers were: Perley Smith, Todd Schmitter, Jason Schmitter, Tim Schmitter, Brent Schmitter and Novle Cowell.