

COMANDER FUNERAL HOME

DeFuniak Springs

Sharon Elaine Smith

DE FUNIAK SPRINGS — Sharon Elaine Smith, 14, a resident of Fort Walton Beach since 1956, died Wednesday morning at a Pensacola hospital.

Miss Smith was a native of DeFuniak Springs and a former resident of the Darlington community.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Darlington Methodist Church with the Rev. Clyde C. Colvin officiating.

Burial will be in the Darlington Cemetery with Comander Funeral Home of DeFuniak Springs directing.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Smith of Fort Walton Beach; two brothers, James Smith of Enterprise, Ala., and C. L. Smith of Jacksonville; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith of Darlington and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mark Purvis, also of Darlington.

The body will be taken to the church at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

FISHER-POU FUNERAL SERVICE

John Newton Axelson

Funeral services for John Newton Axelson, former owner of Pensacola Excelsior Co., will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Fisher-Pou Chapel with the Rev. Welton Gregory and the Rev. Herbert Miller officiating.

Mr. Axelson, who was a veteran of World Wars I and II, died unexpectedly Thursday morning at his residence, Bayou Vista Apartments.

Pallbearers will be W. T. Cooper, Stephen M. Lee, Carl E. Barnard, J. McHenry Jones, Kenneth B. Roy and W. H. (Bully) Abbott.

He had been a life-long resident of Pensacola and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity and First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Louise Daniel Axelson; and a sister, Miss Christine Axelson, both of Pensacola.

Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery with Fisher-Pou Funeral Service directing.

The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Gordon Smith Sr.

Gordon Smith Sr., 91, a Mobile, Ala., business and civic leader died Thursday morning in Mobile after an illness of several weeks.

Smith was a native of New Orleans, La., and came to Mobile in 1900 to establish Smith's Bakery.

He had expanded the operation to include plants in Florida and Mississippi well as Alabama, and lived to see four generations of the family in the business.

He was nationally recognized in the baking industry and was president of the American Bakers' Association in 1919-20.

He was president of the Southern Bakers' Association from 1921-23. He was a charter member of the southern association.

He was a director of the Merchants National Bank of Mobile, a member of the Mobile Rotary Club and a member of the Mobile Country Club.

He is survived by three sons, J. Roy Smith, Gordon Smith Jr. and Donald Smith; three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Roe, Mrs. Thomas Johnson and Miss Margaret Smith; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren, all of Mobile.

Funeral services are incomplete.

McNEIL FUNERAL HOME

Lonnie Pratt Clanton

Lonnie Pratt Clanton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Clanton of Foley, Ala., died early Thursday at a local hospital.

Besides the parents, he is survived by two sisters, Renee Fisher and Holly Ann Clanton, both of Foley; a brother, James Reed Fisher Jr. of Pensacola; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Clanton of Pensacola, Mrs. Mary Alma Watson of Andalusia, Ala.; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Watson.