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WILLIAM F. SMOLT, PIONEER PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 83

William F. Smolt, 83, pioneer business man of Genesee, who came here with Mrs. Smolt in 1891, three years after Genesee moved to its present location from Old Town, passed away Monday night at St. Joseph's hospital in Lewiston, where he had been a patient for several days.

Funeral services were conducted at Genesee Thursday morning from St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rev. Chas. Veit, officiating. Interment was in the Genesee Catholic cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Hasfurther, Martin Hasfurther, Nick Bielenberg, John Broemeling, Sr., Otto Kretschmer and John Weber. Active pallbearers were John Kries, John Kluss, Chas. Grieser, Jr., Frank Hoorman, Florent Moser and John Broemeling, Jr.

Mr. Smolt was a charter member of Genesee Council, Knights of Columbus, organized here in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smolt had both been active in the business life of Genesee during all their years here. Mr. Smolt, for years, operated a cigar store, marketing his own brand of cigars, and in connection conducted a general tobacco store. In later years the Smolt family owned and operated a café and confectionery which was... And others until Mr. and Mrs. William Smolt retired a few years ago when they sold to Roy Pearson.

Their son, Edwin Smolt, who became a United States marshal, was engaged in business with his parents for many years. He passed away September 8, 1937.

The deceased was born in Berlin, Germany February 14, 1859, and came to the United States when 14. He married Miss Christina Gesellchen at Calvary, Wisc., in 1887.

Surviving are his wife; five grandchildren, Mrs. Wayne Roach, Genesee; Sgt. Ed Smolt with a field artillery unit in the south Pacific war zone; Mrs. Betty Jean Harlow and Miss Naomi Smolt, Lewiston, and Miss Nadine Smolt, teaching at Pocatello; and one grandchild, Duane Roach. Their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edwin Smolt, resides in Lewiston.

