

## Virgil S. Smith Dead, Former Mt. Olive Mayor

BUDD LAKE — Virgil S. Smith, 78-year-old former Mt. Olive Committeeman and former Mayor, died last Thursday, October 11, at Heath Village, Hackettstown, after a long illness.

Born December 8, 1894, at the family homestead on Smithtown Road, Budd Lake, he was the son of the late John and Loretta Sliker Smith.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mr. Smith farmed for many years, had been employed part time as a salesman for several heavy equipment concerns, and had for a period been self-employed in the timbering business. During World War I he worked in Andover and Dover machine shop.

Mr. Smith was elected to the Mt. Olive Committee in 1935 and served for 18 years. He was Mayor for seven years, a former member of the Mt. Olive Planning Board and former



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member of the Board of Education.

Mr. Smith was a member of Independence Lodge 42, F. & A.M., Hackettstown, Flanders Grange No. 217 and the Good Fellowship Club in Mt. Olive Township.

Mr. Smith's wife, the former Miss Mary F. Norgard, died within recent years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1967.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. May Sutton of Branchville; a son, Herbert J. Smith of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, W. Donnelly Smith, Budd Lake; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Masonic rites were held Saturday evening at the Morgan Funeral Home in Netcong and services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Drakestown Methodist Church by the Rev. Thorwald Torgersen. Interment was in Mt. Olive Union Cemetery.

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OBITUARY:  
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Date of Death,  
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