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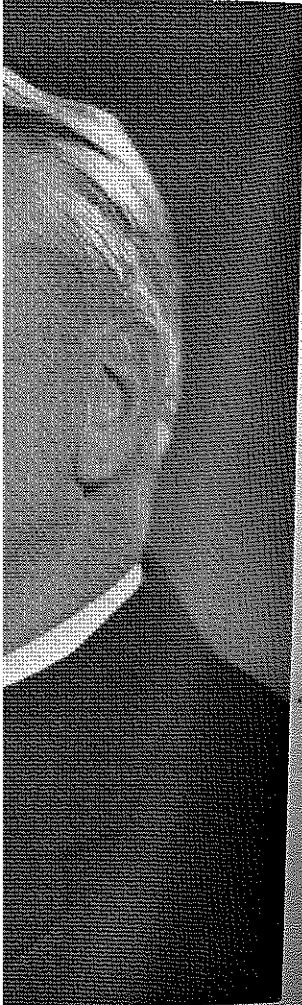
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Lord

E. French of Santa Clara, Calif., five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the West Hampstead Methodist Church on August 28 with District Superintendent J. Norman Barrett in charge. He was assisted by District Superintendent Ray H. Cowen, and the Rev. John Torosian, Sr., Pastor. Accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Ray H. Cowen, Mrs. Karl H. Thiem of Derry sang "Shadows" by Robert Harkness and the congregation sang her favorite hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," in which are these reassuring lines:

"Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest.  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in His love."

WILLIAM J. DAVIS.

**NIRA OBERLENE SMITH  
(1896-1960)**



Nira Oberlene (Wilson) Smith was born in Nashua, N. H., February 14, 1896, the only child of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Wilson. Early in her childhood the family moved to Woodsville, N. H., where Nira had her Elementary and High School education.

Coming from a Christian Home she became a member of the Woodsville Methodist Church in her youth and was very active in the work of the Church through the years. In February, 1931, almost two years after the death of Mrs. Gertrude Lamprey Smith, she and the late Rev. Albert Long Smith, then Pastor of the Woodsville Methodist Church, were married in Robinson Chapel of Boston University by the late Bishop William Anderson.

With her pastor husband she served as Queen of the Parsonage during his pastorate at Whitefield, N. H., 1931-32, and as homemaker during his long years of retirement. Several years after his retirement in 1933, the Smiths moved from Woodsville to Washington, D. C., and were active in the Hamline, Rhode Island Avenue, and Lewis Memorial Methodist Churches.

Long known for her deep interest and willing spirit, Mrs. Smith was often called upon to serve in the various offices of the Church, especially that of teacher in the Sunday School or officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was enthusiastic too for the furtherance of Home Missions and was active in Rescue Mission Work for the underprivileged, Children's Homes, and Homes for the Aged. Being sociable and outgoing in nature, she also became a member and influential leader of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Eastern Star.

For nearly twenty years she worked for the United States Government in the Department of Agriculture and for the last couple of years before her death she was Assistant to the Comptroller of George Washington University where she had studied law.

After a brief illness Nira Wilson Smith passed away as a result of a heart attack at Doctor's Hospital in Washington, D. C., April 28, 1960. On the following Saturday the funeral service was conducted in the Deal Funeral Chapel in Washington, D. C., by her Pastor, the Rev. Lester K. Welch, assisted by her step-son, the Rev. Addison L. Smith, Pastor of the St. Andrew's Methodist Church of Salisbury, Md. Two days later the body was solemnly laid to rest in the family lot at Edgewood Cemetery in Nashua, N. H., where the Rev. Edward A. Milley, Pastor of Nashua Main Street Church, conducted the Committal Service. In addition to the Rev. Addison L. Smith, she is survived by a step-daughter, Alberta Farrar (Smith) now Mrs. Robert D. Bailey of Concord, N. H.

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