Past President Fred W. Smith Passes Away



Past International President Fred W. Smith died December 18 at the age of 89.

He served as International President during 1947-48. He was a charter member of the Ventura (Downtown), California, Lions Club and held continuous membership in it since its organization in 1923, accruing many honors during his years in Lionism.

Lion Smith was born in Alamosa, Colorado, and attended the University of California. His business interests covered many fields, including education, land, securities, banking and packing. He served as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of Pomona College in Claremont, and was a member of the California State Board of Education for seven years, serving as its President for three successive years.

During his year as International President, Lion Smith had the honor of chartering the first four Lions Clubs in Europe — Stockholm, Geneva, Paris and Zurich.

Funeral services for Past President Smith were held December 21 in Ventura, California. The Association was represented at the funeral by Past International President Harry J. Aslan.

Lion Smith is survived by two daughters, Barbara and Helen, and four grandchildren.