

Edna Smith Koppers

Retired school teacher, age 107

Edna Smith Koppers, 107, of Anderson, S.C., died, Thursday, June 5, 2003, at the NHC Health Care in Anderson.

Born in Hope, Ind., she was educated at Franklin College in Indiana and the Columbia School of Music in Chicago, Ill. She taught in the public schools for 25 years and was a member of The First Baptist Church. She retired from Key West, Fla., in 1946 and moved to Lakeland, Fla., to be near her father and brother, Jay C. Smith and Arthur W. "Bud" Smith, owners of the Lakeland Ledger. In 1955, she married Herman Koppers and moved to Franklin, where she lived until 1997. Since then, she resided in Anderson.

She is survived by two nephews, Charles C. Smith of Anderson and Robert E. Smith of Ouray, Colo.; one niece, Suzanne S. Smith of North Palm Beach, Fla.; and numerous grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A graveside service was held Sunday, June 8, at Oak View Cemetery in Lakeland, Fla.

The McDougald Funeral Home in Anderson was in charge of arrangements.

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