

REV. WILLIAM D. POE FUNERAL RITES TODAY

Bloomfield Pastor Spent 40 Years Spreading Gospel Among Hill Folk.

Funeral services for Rev. William D. Poe, one of the remaining members of a dwindling band of Methodist "circuit riding" ministers in Southeastern Missouri, who died at his home in Bloomfield Sunday night, will be held this afternoon at the Bloomfield Methodist Church.

Rev. Mr. Poe was 71 years old. The son of Rev. James H. Poe, who before him rode the trails of Southeastern Missouri as a traveling preacher, he engaged in the circuit ministry virtually all of his life, devoting his efforts to "spreading the gospel" among the hill folk during the last 40 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mollie Poe; three sons, Dr. Chester A. Poe and Dr. Fielding A. Poe of St. Louis, and Dr. James A. Poe of Bloomfield; five daughters, Mrs. Hazel Endresky of St. Louis, Mrs. Mabel Harris, Mrs. Les-sie Kelly and Mrs. Carrie Parmen-ter of Bloomfield, and Mrs. Beulah Schubert of Honolulu; a brother, Dr. John D. Poe of St. Louis, and a sister, Miss Sarah E. Poe.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, with burial in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery at Bloomfield.