

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Adair Registration District No. 4 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Registration District No. 3001 Registered No. 189  
 City Kirkville (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME Vada Marie Smyser  
 (a) Residence. No. Glenwood, Mo. St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ da.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) married

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF Herbert Smyser

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb. 26 - 1910

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
	<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>24</u>	

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Glenwood, Mo.

10. NAME OF FATHER Bert Johnson

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Glenwood, Mo.

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Anna Eliza Beeler

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Glenwood, Mo.

14. INFORMANT Bert Johnson  
 (Address) Glenwood, Mo.

15. FILED 12/31 1931 A. Beeler  
 Deputy REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 30 1931

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 13, 1931, to Nov 20, 1931, that I last saw her alive on Nov 20, 1931, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:40 P.M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Obstruction of Bowels  
122 B  
1227 (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ da.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF Nov 14, 31  
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?  
 (Signed) Geo. W. Sargis, M.D.  
 , 19 (Address) Kentville Mo

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Glenwood Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Nov. 23 1931  
 20. UNDERTAKER John A. Roberts ADDRESS Concaster, Mo.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.]

**Statement of Occupation.**—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer* or *Planter*, *Physician*, *Compositor*, *Architect*, *Locomotive engineer*, *Civil engineer*, *Stationary fireman*, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Foreman*, (b) *Automobile factory*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer*, *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housework* or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Cook*, *Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 8 yrs.)* For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

**Statement of cause of Death.**—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: *Cerebrospinal fever* (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "Croup"); *Typhoid fever* (never report

"Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs*, *meninges*, *peritoneum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, etc., of ..... (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms) *Measles*; *Whooping cough*; *Chronic valvular heart disease*; *Chronic interstitial nephritis*, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death), *29 ds.*; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), *10 ds.* Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthemia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: *Accidental drowning*; *struck by railway train—accident*; *Revolver wound of head—homicide*; *Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide*. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., *sepsis*, *tetanus*) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: *Abortion*, *callulitis*, *childbirth*, *convulsions*, *hemorrhage*, *gangrene*, *gastritis*, *erysipelas*, *meningitis*, *miscarriage*, *necrosis*, *peritonitis*, *phlebitis*, *pyemia*, *septicemia*, *tetanus*." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.

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ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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**2. FULL NAME**

Vada Marie Smyser

(a) Residence, No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., If of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. SEX ♀ 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) m

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR)

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION  
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.  
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.  
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)

11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)

13. NAME

14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)

15. MAIDEN NAME

16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)

17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS)

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE DATE

19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS)

20. FILED Dec 31 1937 Mrs C/H Becker Registrar

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Nov 20 1937

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

I last saw h. \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

distention of bowels Date of onset \_\_\_\_\_

Peritonitis

Other contributory causes of importance: 228

Name of operation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_

What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_ Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of injury \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify city or town, county, and State)  
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, specify \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW

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