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## Man Dies In Fire; Cause Is Unknown

A Clark County man died in an early morning fire today at his home on the Ford-Four Mile Road.

Dead is James Withers, in his late 50's.

Clark County Coroner Leon Pace said Withers died at approximately 12:30 a.m. today. Death was attributed to suffocation. Pace said the body had been charred. Pace said Withers was alone at the time of the fire. He noted that Withers' wife had been ill and was staying with relatives in Lexington in order to be near her doctor and that the couple's children were staying with relatives.

Pace said that a son, Kenneth Withers, left home at 7:30 p.m. and that when he returned at 12:45 a.m., the house was in flames. He went to the home of his brother-in-law, Charles Wells, Four Mile Road and called the Clark County Fire Department.

County firemen arrived at 1:30 a.m., but said the house was destroyed by the time they arrived. Two units—a pumper truck and a water truck—went to the scene. Cause of the fire was unknown, firemen said.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Woolum Withers; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Haggard, Clark County; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles Wells, Clark Coun-

ty; three sons, Ronald, Kenneth and Tommy Withers, Clark County; one stepson, Billy Withers, Clark County; eight grandchildren; two brothers Howell Withers, Cincinnati, Ohio and John S. Withers Jr., Lexington; five sisters, Mrs. Cora Weldy, Mrs. Cliff Sterling and Mrs. Edna Shepherd, all of Cincinnati; Mrs. Helen Ashcraft, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Carl Steele, Clark County.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the grave in the Warner Cemetery at Ford by the Rev. Clyde Roland.

The body is at the Scobee Funeral Home where friends may call after 10 a.m. Saturday.

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### JAMES WITHERS

Funeral services for James Withers, 48, were conducted at 2 p.m. today at the grave in the Warner Cemetery at Ford by the Rev. Clyde Roland.

Mr. Withers, a resident of the Ford-Four Mile Road, died early Friday morning when a fire destroyed his home. He was alone at the time of the fire.

Scobee Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.