

SLIPPERY PAVEMENT CAUSE OF FATAL HIGHWAY CRASH

Mrs. John F. Roudabush and Baby
Of Brooklyn Die As Result
Of Accident

The Victor community was saddened late Saturday afternoon when word was received that Mrs. John F. Roudabush was killed in an auto accident and two of her children were critically injured and in a Grinnell hospital. Diane, age 2, who suffered a skull fracture, died Saturday night. Another daughter, Dorothy, age 7, remains in the hospital in serious condition, having suffered a fractured skull and a broken leg.

Mrs. Roudabush had been shopping in Grinnell and started for her home shortly after four o'clock. A few minutes later, in front of the George Schafer farm 2½ miles east of Grinnell, she noticed a car parked on the shoulder on the south side of the road and also a semi-truck approaching from the east. Just what happened next is not known, but it is assumed that she applied the brakes as the car started skidding and went out of control, crashing into the truck which was owned by W. J. Wheeler of Omaha and driven by Raymond Shelton of the same city.

Mr. Shelton saw that the car was out of control and drove off on the shoulder to give the Roudabush car all the space possible, but the car struck under the trailer and was demolished. The pavement was very slippery at the time, due to a fresh snow that was falling and which packed down to ice when driven over.

Patrolmen Joe Hallgren and Kermit Rasmussen were but a short distance behind the Roudabush car and the first to arrive on the scene of the accident. They were joined almost immediately by Deputy Sheriff William Welch, who was enroute from Mentexuma to Grinnell, and with the aid of the truck driver and Earl Fowler, who lived nearby, removed the injured from the demolished car and rushed them to St. Francis hospital in Grinnell. Mrs. Roudabush succumbing on the way. The driver of the semi-truck was away during the excitement and the license number was not taken.

Obituary

Mildred Bessie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price of Victor, Iowa, was born April 23, 1910, at Victor, and passed away at Grinnell on November 22, 1941, at the age of 31 years and 7 months.

She was educated at the Victor Public Schools and graduated in the year 1928. She was a member of the Carnforth Congregational church and recently joined the Presbyterian church at Brooklyn.

She was married to John F. Roudabush on November 27, 1939, at the Brethren church of Brooklyn. To this union five children were born: one son, Duane, 11, and four daughters, Delores, 9, Donna 8, Dorothy, 6, and Diane, 2.

She leaves to mourn, a husband and four children; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price of Victor; five sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Dale and Mrs. Esther DeDecker of Blythe, California, Mrs. Elsie Peterson of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Velma Faas of Millersburg, and Mrs. Margaret Merck of Brooklyn, and one brother, Russell, at home; also many friends and relatives.

Diane Mildred Roudabush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Roudabush, was born May 31, 1939, at Brooklyn, and passed away at Grinnell at the age of 2 years, 5 months and 22 days.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, the Rev. J. W. Koning officiating.