Three brothers perish in wreck

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Three young brothers died in a 2-vehicle collision at a rural Mahaska County intersection on Thursday afternoon around 1 p.m.

According to reports, a rock truck driven by 41-year-old Shawn Schippers collided with a Pontiac Sunfire driven by Jamie Singletery, 16, of New Sharon at the uncontrolled rural gravel road intersection of Queens Avenue and 130th Street near New Sharon.

The rock truck was driving southbound, but the accident report did not say which direction the car was traveling.

Jamie Singletery, along with his passengers Carson Singletery, 13, and Christian Singletery, 10, did not survive the wreck. Schippers was treated for minor injuries.

Iowa State Patrol Sgt. Nathan Ludwig cited the crash as a "freak accident." The accident remains under investigation by the Iowa State Patrol.

The three brothers were laid to rest on Tuesday after a morning service at North Mahaska High School.

A GoFundMe page has raised more than $43,000 to help the family with funeral and other expenses.

Christian Singletery was going to be in the about to start eighth grade at North Mahaska High School. Carson Singletery was about to begin his junior year at North Mahaska High School.

CHRISTIAN LANE SINGLETERY

Christian Singletery, 10 of New Sharon passed away Thursday afternoon, August 6, 2015 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the North Mahaska High School Auditorium. Burial was in the Union Mills Cemetery east of New Sharon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the family's name to be determined at a later date. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Christian Lane Singletery, the son of Sara (Porter) Hicklin and Gary Singletery, was born on March 21, 2005 in Perry, Florida. He was going to be in the fifth grade at North Mahaska School. He was an easy going child and was known for giving the best hugs in town. Christian was painfully honest but never meant to hurt anybody. He loved playing with his trucks and cars. One of his favorite things to do in the summertime is to go swimming at the Prairie Knolls Country Club swimming pool. He also enjoys playing Minecraft games, Legos and watching his favorite show "The Flash." He loved his family and looked up to his big brother, Jamie.

Christian's memory will be honored by his parents, Sara and Aaron Hicklin of New Sharon; his biological father, Gary Singletery of Gainesville, Florida; a brother, Garrett Singletery of New Sharon; a sister, Makenzie Singletery of New Sharon; grandparents, Marty and Stephanie Templeman, Tammy Templeman, Donna Keller, Terry and Linda Steel and Mike and Sherrin Hicklin, Jeffery Singletery and Susan Singletery; great-grandparents, Dean and Mary Porter; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Christian was preceded in death by a grandfather, Larry Porter.