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 Singletary, 16, of New Sharon at the uncontrolled rural gravel road intersection of Queens Avenue and 130th Street near New Sharon.

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

Jamie Singletary, along with his passengers Carson Singletary, 13, and Christian Singletary, 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 $45,000 to help the family with funeral and other expenses.

Christian Singletary was going to be in the fifth grade at North Mahaska School.

Carson Singletary was about to start eighth grade at North Mahaska High School.

Jamie Singletary was about to begin his junior year at North Mahaska High School.

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CARSON JEFFERY SINGLETARY

Carson Singletary, 13 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.

Carson Jeffery Singletary, the son of Sara (Porter) Hicklin and Gary Singletary, was born on February 19, 2002 in Gainesville, Florida. He was going to be an eighth grader at North Mahaska High School. Carson played basketball, football and ran track. His goal was to be recruited and play basketball for the Iowa State Cyclones. All summer, you could find Carson on his bike or playing basketball with his friends around his old neighborhood. He loved to fish, hunt and looking for toads in puddles. During the summer months, Carson would mow his grandparents' yard even when the wheel falls off of the mower and he gets a bolt from his bike to fix the mower so he could finish mowing the lawn. Carson was very determined and never complained about anything. He loved his family, especially his mother who gave him a special nickname, "Princess."

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

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