

Mrs. Eva Almy Is In Two-Car Crash

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Mrs. Eva Luella Almy, 89, Grinnell, became Poweshiek county's fourth traffic fatality of 1958 Friday when she died at a local hospital of injuries received earlier that same day in a two-car collision northwest of Grinnell.

Crash occurred at about 4:10 p.m. at a four-way intersection of two gravel roads located three miles north and one mile west. The intersection is just south of the Gilmore Robbins farm.

Mrs. Almy was a passenger in an auto driven by Mrs. Harlan Porter. Other passengers in the Porter vehicle, all hospitalized locally and reported to be in satisfactory condition, were Mrs. Frank Porter and Harriett Korn. Driver of the second machine involved was Max Hubbard of near Kellogg.

The two autos met right at the intersection with the east-bound Hubbard car striking the Porter auto on the right side just ahead of the front door. Hubbard's auto careened into a ditch, flipped over and landed on its top. The Porter car veered off to the left and landed in the same ditch about 15 feet from Hubbard's auto. However, the Porter auto didn't roll over.

Hubbard was not seriously injured in the crash, although he did complain of painful bruises. He was not hospitalized.

In a talk with a Herald-Register newsman shortly after the crash, Hubbard said he could remember nothing after the initial impact until he found himself crawling up the bank of the ditch a few minutes later. Top of his car was crushed down over the front seat, leaving very little room.

Once out of the ditch, Hubbard said he went to the Porter car where he helped the women. He then ran to the nearby Robbins home and reported the accident. An ambulance arrived on the scene a few minutes later and took the injured women to a hospital. Hubbard remained to talk with investigating officer, Highway Patrolman Paul Gearhart and Grinnell Police officers Bob Thompson and Max Allen.

No Stop Sign

Hubbard said neither car was traveling at a high rate of speed but that vision of both drivers was probably impaired by sunlight and vegetation in a field near the intersection. There are no stop signs at the intersection.

Damages to the Porter machine amounted to several hundred dollars although no exact estimate was available. Hubbard's car was a total loss.

Mrs. Almy, widow of a former professor at Grinnell college, died about three hours after the accident.

Funeral Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Almy were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Leland Mann of the Congregational church officiating. Music was furnished by Elbert Smith.

Pallbearers were Grant Gale, Russell George, Sherley Eichhorn, Lehl Fritz, Lawrence Pedersen, and Peter Morton. Burial was at Hazelwood cemetery.

She was born the daughter of John and Ellen Francis Atwood McReynolds, on January 10th, 1869 at Fennimore, Wis. On September 14th, 1892, she was married to Frank F. Almy at Ashland, Neb.

To this union were born three children: Mrs. Everett (Winifred) Martin of Fort Dodge, and Frank and Donald Almy, both deceased. She was also preceded in death by her husband; a

brother, Frank McReynolds, and a sister, Mary McReynolds. Other survivors include a brother, Eric McReynolds, Allen Spivey, and a grandchild, Mrs. Almy had come to Grinnell from Ashland, Neb., about 66 years ago. She was a member of the Congregational church and had formerly belonged to the Drummond Club, the Thursday Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.