

Rites Tuesday for Victor Boy Killed in Tractor Mishap

Funeral rites were conducted at St. Bridget's Catholic church in Victor, Thursday morning for Bruce Joseph Beran, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beran, who was killed Saturday in a tractor accident.

Rev. Henry Geers, assisted by Rev. John Kennedy, conducted the rites and burial was in the Calvary cemetery at Victor.

The fatal accident occurred

about 6 p.m. Saturday near the Beran farm four miles south of Victor. Bruce had hauled water to livestock in a field and was driving the tractor back to the farmstead when he apparently decided to haul another tank of water to the field. He was turning the tractor around when it upset in a ditch, pinning the youth under the machine.

Bruce was a junior at HLV high school where he was active in Pep Club, boys' glee club, football, basketball and track. He had been very active in 4-H and was to have been honored with a six year membership certificate at Marengo Saturday night.

He had attended St. John's school until the ninth grade when he transferred to HLV. He was a lifelong member of St. Bridget's church.

His mother is the former Irene Claeys and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. August Claeys, are Brooklyn residents.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Donald (Kathryn) Brush of Urbandale, Bernice, a nurse at Mercy hospital, Cedar Rapids; and Ruth, at home; three brothers, Kenneth, in the Army; Bill and David at home; his brother-in-law, Mr. Brush; two nephews and a niece. He was preceded in death by his

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grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beran.

Casket bearers were Bob Simpson, Allen Read, Dennis Refer, Jim DeCoster, Harold Murtha, Richard Heitmann, Steve Swender and Jim Fetzer.

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