

# Brothers die in car-train crash

A Grinnell man and his brother were killed Tuesday evening when their car struck a train on Iowa Highway 146 2½ miles north of New Sharon near the Poweshiek-Mahaska county line.

Duane Braack, 56, of Oskaloosa, the driver of the car, and Wilbur Braack, 67, of Grinnell were pronounced dead at the scene. The accident remains under investigation by the Mahaska County Sheriff's Department and Mahaska County medical examiner.

Mahaska County authorities said the brothers were south-bound on the highway when their car hit the second car of a

Chicago & North Western freight train.

Funeral services for both men will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home here, with the Rev. Kenneth Santee of the Lynnville Friends Church officiating.

Wilbur will be buried in the veterans section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Duane will be buried in the Friends Cemetery northeast of Lynnville.

Military rites will be conducted by members of the Grinnell veterans Ceremonial Unit.

## Duane Braack services set

Duane Braack, 56, of Oskaloosa, formerly of Grinnell, died in a car-train collision Tuesday near the Poweshiek-Mahaska county line.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Kenneth Santee, pastor of the Lynnville Friends Church, officiating. Military rites and burial will be at the Friends Cemetery northeast of Lynnville.

The son of Peter and Grace Shoemaker Braack, he was born near Montour on July 22, 1930. He attended Marshalltown schools and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was married to Helen Chandler, now of Buena Vista, Colo., and the marriage ended in divorce. He was later married to Lola Brummond, now a resident of Brookside West in Grinnell. That marriage also

ended in divorce.

Mr. Braack lived in Marshalltown, Grinnell and Lynnville then returned to Grinnell before moving to Oskaloosa in 1985. He was employed as a painter at Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. in Grinnell and later with Neiderhauser Aviation in Marshalltown. He had also worked as a fishing guide in Canada.

Survivors include one son, Duane Jr. of Denver, Colo.; four stepchildren, Jilton Braack and Ricki Lanser of Pella and Rita Carlson and Shelley Westercamp of Lynnville; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Robert of Marshalltown and Frederick of Tallahassee, Fla.; and one sister, Donna Alexander of Marshalltown.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Scarlett Rose; one granddaughter; a brother, Donald; and his parents.

## Braack brothers rites held

Funeral services for Wilbur, 67, and Duane Braack, 56, brothers who were killed when their car hit a freight train 2½ miles north of New Sharon Jan. 27, were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home.

The Rev. Kenneth Santee, pastor of the Lynnville Friends church, officiated. Organist was Kathleen Hofner, and pallbearers were Mark Alexander, Barry Braack, Darrell Braack, Art Crows, Larry Kuncie, Jim McKenna, Ted Mokricky and Gerald Ver Steegt.

Wilbur was buried in the veterans section of Hazelwood Cemetery, and Duane was buried in the Friends Cemetery north of Lynnville. Graveside rites were conducted for both men by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Memorials may be left at the Smith Funeral Home.