

James Breeden, 66, Dies After Collision Thursday; First Fatality

Poweshiek county suffered its first traffic fatality of the year Thursday when James Breeden, 66, was killed in a highway crash on No. 146 in front of his farm, about four and one half miles north of Grinnell. The accident took place about 4:30 p.m.

Started To Turn

Highway Patrolman Gerald Kahler, who was investigating officer at the accident, reported the accident apparently took place when Breeden, traveling north, started to turn into his driveway. A truck following Breeden crashed into the Jeep Breeden was driving.

Patrolman Kahler reported that Breeden's son was one of the first persons to arrive at the scene of the accident after hearing the crash.

Breeden's son pulled him from under the wrecked jeep. Breeden died about 10 minutes after the accident, the patrolman reported.

Doctor Called

Dr. John Parish was called from Grinnell and arrived shortly before Breeden died. When Coroner Rex Bramer arrived Breeden was dead. The coroner pronounced him dead. Breeden suffered a crushed chest and bled internally, the coroner said.

Driver of the truck was William M. McGriff, 46, of New Sharon. Roy McGriff, 64, was a passenger.

Both men were taken to Community hospital. William McGriff suffered rib injuries and Roy McGriff suffered a neck injury and other injuries. The truck rolled over several times, the McGriffs told Patrolman Kahler.

The case is still under investigation and as yet no charges have been filed, Patrolman Kahler reported. Assisting at the

accident scene were Sheriff Bill Welsh and Highway Patrolman Paul Gearhart.

Funeral Rites Held Sunday

Last rites were conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Newburg Congregational church for James Albert Breeden, 66, Poweshiek county farmer who died in a highway accident Thursday. Smith funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Breeden is survived by his wife, Glen, a daughter, Mrs. Don (Miriam) Loudon, a son, Edward Breeden, both of Grinnell, and eight grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Perry of Newburg and Cyrus of Albany, Ill., and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Badger of Grinnell and Elizabeth Breeden of Burlington, Iowa.

Son of the late Harvey Breeden and Catherine Liesman Breeden, he was born in Hickory Grove township near Newburg, Feb. 23, 1891. He was married June 21, 1916 at Boone to Glen McCully. He lived his lifetime in the Newburg area and was engaged in farming. He was a member of the Newburg Congregational church.

The Rev. Mrs. Helen Turner, minister of the Newburg Congregational church officiated at the funeral services. Bural was in the Methodist cemetery, Hickory Grove township.

Music was provided by Mrs. Don Renaud and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Palmer. Pallbearers were Paul Krumm, George Mason, Walter Palmer, Don Renaud, Charles Smith and Lawrence Wallis. Flower bearers were Mrs. Bertha Newcomer and Mrs. George Palmer.