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trailer near the Big Bear store on West St. Thursday evening.

Crash fatal to Grinnell man, 31

A Grinnell man died Thursday evening of injuries he sustained in a two-vehicle crash on West St. near the south edge of the city.

Steven Burnham, 31, of 1309 Spencer St. was pronounced dead at Grinnell General Hospital shortly before 9 p.m.

The accident occurred approximately 1½ hours earlier.

Also taken to Grinnell General were Burnham's children, both passengers in the van. Joshua Burnham, 5, was treated for head injuries, and his sister Jennifer, 10, was

treated for a knee injury. Both were released.

Authorities said Burnham was northbound on West St. when a southbound semi-trailer rig driven by Gary Brown, 28, also of Grinnell, allegedly crossed the center

line and struck the Burnham vehicle.

Brown, who escaped injury, was charged with failure to yield half the traveled portion of the roadway.

Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$6,500.

Rites held for Mr. Burnham

Steven R. Burnham, 31, of 1309 Spencer St., Grinnell, died Thursday, Sept. 10, of injuries he received in a two-vehicle crash in south Grinnell.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the First Friends Church, with the Rev. Keith Briggs officiating. Organist was Jo Lynn Renaud. Pallbearers were Leslie Iverson, Ron Iverson, James Kessler, Duane Morrison, Randy Renaud and Jim Sears.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with The Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Robert and Marilyn Sparks Burnham, he

was born on Sept. 25, 1955, in Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1973.

On Nov. 9, 1974, he was married to Connie A. Selle in Grinnell. He worked as a furniture craftsman at Bob's Custom Woodworking. He was a member of the First Friends Church and served as a trustee and elder of the church.

Mr. Burnham is survived by his wife, Connie; two children, Jennifer and Joshua, his parents, Robert and Marilyn Burnham of Grinnell; one brother, Bruce of New Providence; a sister, Kathy Vanderploeg; and his grandmothers, Velma Burnham and Merle Sparks, both of Grinnell.