

# Two Accidents Claim

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**Brooklyn Man, Cyril Cleppe, Killed**

## Thursday as Cars Hit Near Hartwick

HARTWICK - Funeral services were held Monday at the Catholic church, Brooklyn, for Cyril Cleppe, killed last Thursday night near Hartwick in a head on collision that sent nine other persons to the hospital.

Still hospitalized Wednesday as a result of the accident were Mrs. Katherine Cleppe, Barbara Cleppe, 15, Dale Cleppe, 3, Mrs. Clara DeGreeter, and Douglas Young, 16.

Sheriff Bill Welsh said the accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. last Thursday on a country road about six miles north of Hartwick.

The Cleppe vehicle and one driven by John Davis Wauters, 17, collided on a bridge.

Welsh quotes witnesses as saying both cars were preceded by other cars with

dust obscuring the vision of the drivers.

Impact of the crash threw Cleppe into the steering post of his car killing him within minutes after the accident. His wife and children, Mrs. Cleppe, Barbara 15, Nancy, 7, and Dale 3 were rushed to the hospital in Marengo.

Also in the Cleppe car and hospitalized were Mrs. Clara DeGreeter and Arlene Vols, 13, a relative of the Cleppes from Moline, Ill.

Three Brooklyn youths besides Wauters were in the second car. Douglas Young, 16, required emergency surgery for internal injuries, and Bob Tonney, 18, was confined. Larry Foster, 16, was the only one of the 10 involved in the accident that did not require hospitalization.

Cleppe family preceded in a pickup truck by the De Greeters were on their way for an evening of fishing. Youths in the Wauters car were returning from near Belle Plaine where they had been engaged in detaseling.

Cleppe was the third traffic fatality in Poweshiek county this year. Other deaths were Paul R. Adams Delta, who died when the car in which he was riding collided with a semi transport truck, and Charles Savage, Searsboro, killed March 23 when his truck upset.