

Brooklyn Pair, Des Moines Woman Die In Head-On Crash On Hiway 6

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Three lives were snuffed out late Friday afternoon in a head-on two-car crash on Highway 6 about two and one-half miles west of Brooklyn.

The dead were:

Mrs. Blanch DePauw, 54, Brooklyn.

Edmund DePauw, 72, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Marilyn Budeslich, 30, Des Moines.

Man Serious

A fourth person, John M. Budeslich, 31, husband of one of the dead women, was in serious condition following the crash. He was brought to a Grinnell hospital suffering with a broken leg, internal, chest and head injuries. Saturday he was transferred to a Des Moines hospital.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Budeslich, Mark 4, and Wendy 18 months, escaped serious injury. The little girl reportedly received a cut on the head and both were suffering from shock.

Toll To 5

The crash, which brought Poweshiek county's 1960 traffic death toll to five, happened at about 4:40 p.m. Since the adult passengers of both cars were all either killed or seriously injured, it was difficult to piece together a picture of what might have happened.

However, the three investigating officers, Highway Patrolmen Gerald Kahler and Paul Gearhart, and Deputy Sheriff Ernest Mitchell, managed to work out details of the fatal accident.

ately, died a short time later. Mrs. Budeslich was also thrown from the car and her body was found beneath the Budeslich auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Budeslich and family had been on a short vacation trip and were returning to their home in Des Moines when the accident occurred. Mr. and Mrs. DePauw, former residents of Hartwick, were returning to their home in Brooklyn.

The investigating officers and other workers were on the scene for several hours clearing debris from the highway in order to permit traffic to pass.

First traffic fatality in this county of 1960 was William Buchmeier of Kellogg, who was killed in a car-truck crash just west of Grinnell on March 11th. Joseph Kirsch of Marathon became the second fatality on March 28th when his auto was involved in a crash with a truck at the intersection of highways 6 and 63 east of Grinnell.

Officers Eugene Sparks and Ralph Ogan also assisted at the crash scene.

As reported to the investigating officers, a car driven by Gene Osborne of Brooklyn was headed east on Highway 6 and had stopped to permit west-bound traffic to pass before turning into the drive at the Gordon Osborn farm. Two other cars were also stopped behind the Osborn vehicle.

It is believed the DePauw car, driven by Mrs. DePauw, then approached the end of the three-car string and turned out to the left a short distance to see if it was clear to pass. At the same time the Budeslich car, going west, came over the crest of a little hill and the left front ends of the two machines collided violently. The DePauw car was then spun around on the highway and the Budeslich vehicle went careening into the ditch.

Mr. DePauw was thrown from the car and killed instantly. Mrs. DePauw remained in the car and, although killed immediately,

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Victims

Brooklyn Couple Killed on Friday

BROOKLYN-- Double funeral services were conducted Monday morning at the Catholic church for Mrs. Blanch DePauw, 54, and Edmund DePauw, 72, killed Friday afternoon on Highway 6 in a two-car crash that also took the life of Mrs. Marilyn Budeslich, 30, Des Moines.

A fourth person, John M. Budeslich, 31, husband of the dead woman, was transferred in serious condition to a Des Moines hospital Saturday. Budeslich children, Mark 4, and Wendy 18 months, were not seriously injured.

The Rev. L. H. Mork conducted the service for the DePauw's with burial following in the Brooklyn Calvary cemetery.

Casketbearers were Howie Lang, Glenn Hall, John Henning, Leonard Thys, Perly Newman, William Roth, William Smith, Clarence Posschl, Carl Bruner, James Keller, Edward Hall and Freeman Hall.

Collision occurred about 4:40 p.m. on highway 6 about 2 1/2 miles west of Brooklyn. The three deaths upped Poweshiek county's 1960 traffic toll to five.

Officers at the scene, Patrolmen Gerald Kahler and Paul Gearhart and Deputy Sheriff Ernest Mitchell gave the following report of the crash:

Apparently a car driven by Gene Osborne, Brooklyn, stopped on the highway waiting to make a left-hand-turn into a driveway on the Gordon Osborn farm. Before westbound traffic could clear, two other vehicles also stopped behind the Osborn car.

Officers believe the De Pauw car approached the end of the three-car string and swung out to see if the way was clear to pass. At the

same time the Budeslich car heading West came over the crest of a hill and the two collided.

The DePauw car swung around violently and the Budeslich vehicle careened into the ditch.

Budeslich's had been on a vacation trip and were returning to Des Moines. Mr.

and Mrs. DePauw were returning to their home in Brooklyn.

Other county 1960 traffic fatalities occurred March 11 and March 28 when William Buchmeier, Kellogg, was killed west of Grinnell when his car collided with a transport truck, and Joseph Henry Kirsh, Marathon, was killed at the intersection of 6 and 63 east of Grinnell when his car collided with a gas truck.