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# Raymond Nelson dies in 'cycle crash

Raymond D. Nelson, 35, of Rte. 4, Grinnell, died early Saturday, Sept. 12, of injuries he received in a motorcycle accident on county road F-29 southeast of Grinnell.

Authorities said Nelson apparently lost control of his motorcycle at about 2:30 a.m. and slid into a ditch. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

State Trooper Mark Davis and Poweshiek County Deputy Sheriff Larry Wray investigated the accident.

Funeral services for Raymond Nelson will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond Lott, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist

Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Edwin and Velma Mae Smith Nelson, he was born on Aug. 25, 1952, in Grinnell. He attended Grinnell schools and had lived in the Grinnell area all of his life. He was employed by the Maytag Co. in Newton.

Survivors include his wife,

Carmen of rural Grinnell; his children, Lori, Bradley and Jenny, all of Grinnell; his parents, Edwin and Velma Nelson of Searsboro; two brothers, Garold E. and Jim, both of Grinnell; and two sisters, Phyllis Clementi of Newton and Thelma Trease of Kellogg.

## Mr. Nelson rites conducted

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Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond Lott, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Dottie Smith. Pallbearers were Steve Eakins, Greg Fraker, Mike Ogan, Mike Eakins, Tim Schultz and Kenny Smith. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Edwin G. and Velma M. Smith Nelson, he was born in Grinnell on Aug. 25, 1952. He was a graduate of Grinnell High School. Following his education he worked for

Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. in Grinnell and later served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. For the past nine years he was employed as a service operator for the Maytag Co. in Newton. He was a member of the United Auto Workers.

He was married to Carmen Yerdon in Grinnell on Aug. 3, 1979.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Lori and Jenny, both of Grinnell; one son, Bradley of Grinnell; his parents; two brothers, Garold E. and James, both of Grinnell; two sisters, Phyllis Clementi of Newton and June Trease of Kellogg; his paternal grandfather, Percy Nelson of Unionville, Mo.; and his maternal grandmother, Opal Smith of Galt, Mo.

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