

of 1977 November 21, 1963

OBITUARY

RALPH WILBUR OGAN, JR.
(Contributed)

Ralph W. Ogan, Jr., age 34, of 405 Center Street, was killed in the line of duty as a Gannett police officer Wednesday morning, Nov. 13, 1963, in Gannett, Conn.

He was the son of Ralph and Alma East Ogan, Sr. of Rm. 1, Montezuma, and was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on April 17, 1929. He attended grade elements schools near Marshalltown and later the family moved to Montezuma where he graduated from Montezuma High school in 1946.

He was united in marriage to Lula Whisenand, a non-Protestant member in Ewart on Dec. 24, 1950. They have three children, two sons—Robert and Robert, Jr.—and a daughter, Leola.

Soon after his marriage, Ralph served in the U. S. Army as a sergeant in the Korean conflict and was discharged as a sergeant. In June of 1958, he operated the Sycamore branch of the Gannett Paper Co. Exchange and later worked in Gannett. He was employed at that station until joining the Gannett Police Force in 1959.

He is survived by his parents and wife, Lula, and three children at the family home; a brother and sister, Ronald Lyle Ogan of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Ralph Spitzer Madine Lemke of Gannett; a grandmother on his maternal side, Mrs. Nettie East of Marshalltown, and several aunts and uncles. He was a member of the Riders' Association and the East Central Iowa Police Officers Association.

Funeral services for Ralph W. Ogan, Jr., were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Myron Harris, pastor of the Northside, Friends church, officiating. Burial was made in the Pleasant Township Cemetery at Ewart. Those desiring may make contributions to the Ralph W. Ogan Jr. Memorial Fund, Chamber of Commerce Office, Veterans Memorial, Gannett, Conn.