

Monday, January 2, 1967

# West Iowa Crash Kills Local Woman

Mrs. Eddie (Willa Mae) Patten, 34, of Grinnell, died Friday about 8 p.m. in a one-vehicle accident on Interstate 80 in western Iowa near Minden.

Accompanied by her daughter, Vicki Lynn Simpson, 9, Mrs. Patten was returning to Grinnell from Ulysses, Kan., where she had been visiting her parents. According to authorities, she was killed when the camper-truck she was driving went off a ramp at the Iowa Highway 64 interchange and struck a bridge railing.

Mrs. Patten was reportedly thrown from the truck cab and hit her head on the railing.

Her daughter was asleep at the time and escaped serious injury. She was able to stop a passing motorist who took her to a doctor's office in Minden. From there she was taken to a Council Bluffs hospital.

Funeral services for Mrs. Patten are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Sittman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Pallbearers will be Bill Collett, Larry Criswell, Gary Reid, Tony Peterson, Hollis Sisco and Tom Vaughn. Burial will be Thursday

in Ulysses, Kan.

The daughter of Leon and Gertrude Callahan Hampton, she was born May 22, 1932, near Ulysses, Kan. She attended the public schools of Ulysses and graduated with the class of 1950 from Ulysses high school.

On June 15, 1962, she was married to Eddie Patten and they lived in Cedar Rapids and California before making their home in Grinnell about a year ago. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Patten is survived by her husband, Eddie; two children, Terry Wayne Simpson, 12, and Vicki Lynn Simpson, 9; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hampton of Ulysses, Kan.

Also surviving are her maternal grandfather, Lawrence Callahan, and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ila Hampton, both of Ulysses, Kan.; and four brothers and three sisters: Harold Hampton, Leon Hampton Jr., Maurice Hampton, and Donna Hampton, all of Ulysses, Kan.; Mrs. Bill (Betty) Chambers of South Gate, Calif.; Mrs. Gene (Joan) Holloway of Mooreland, Okla., and Carl Hampton of Stafford, Kan.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Allene Allen, in 1957.