

MILLARD J. WILCOX

Brooklyn man

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dead after crash

A 69-year-old Brooklyn man died in the University Hospitals in Iowa City after a car-truck crash that occurred near the Brooklyn I-80 Standard service station at 4:55 p.m. on Thursday, June 2.

Funeral services for Millard J. Wilcox, night dispatcher for the Poweshiek County sheriff's department, were set for 1:30

p.m. today (Monday) in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn. The Rev. Patrick McCoy, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, officiated, and burial was in the Calvary Cemetery in Brooklyn.

The accident happened on county road D.-18, two miles south of Brooklyn. The Wilcox car was reportedly south-bound, and a semi-tractor, driven by Robert G. Wragge, was attempting to turn into the service station's south driveway. The truck allegedly failed to yield half of the roadway to the oncoming car, and hit the Wilcox auto with what Trooper Mark Davis called "a glancing blow."

Davis said that there was damage to the left front quarter of the truck, and to the entire left side of the Wilcox car. Wilcox was first taken to Grinnell General Hospital, and later transferred to the University Hospitals. He died at 11:30 p.m.

Born on Sept. 18, 1907, in Waterloo, he was the son of Clarence and Jesse Branson Wilcox. His mother died 18 days after his birth, and he was raised by grandparents in Deep River, where he received his education.

On Feb. 20, 1935, he married Frances Cram in Brooklyn. The couple moved to Brooklyn in 1944 from Montezuma. Wilcox was a mechanic for 36 years, operated the Wilcox TV Store in Brooklyn for 15 years, and for the past six years had been employed by the sheriff's department. He also served on the fire department for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, Jerry of Tama and William of Brooklyn; one daughter, Mrs. Archie (Shirley) Bair; two sisters, Mrs. Clare Elke and Mrs. Eloise Copelin of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, and one granddaughter.

Charges are pending in the incident.