

Highway Accident Kills Haworth Girls

Memorial services were held at Montezuma High School Saturday morning for 17-year-old sisters, killed in a highway accident south of town.

Ramona Haworth, 17, and her adopted sister, Rebecca, also 17, were on their way to school from their rural Deep River farm home March 7 when Ramona lost control of their light auto. The Haworth car was hit broadside by opposing traffic.

Parents of the girls were following, and were immediately on the accident scene.

They were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haworth. Ramona was the scholastic leader, in the Monte class of '84 and Rebecca, a native of India, was a freshman.

The accident happened on a curve of the Barnes City paving (V-13) at 7:30 a.m. State Patrolman Tom Law reports that the Haworth car was in the opposing lane of traffic when hit by Norris Wahl, 24, of Lake Ponderosa, who was on his way to work at the Barnes City Elevator.

Rebecca died in the crash, and Ramona was pronounced dead after arrival at Grinnell hospital by Monte ambulance. The girls' brother, Randall, 13, was a passenger. He was released from Grinnell hospital Friday.

Wahl suffered a slight facial injury, and his Olds was damaged to the extent of \$1500. The Haworth Chevette was a total loss.

Law reported the road snow and ice covered, and there was blowing snow that morning.

RAMONA SUE HAWORTH

Ramona was born July 10, 1966, the daughter of Robert and Gladys VeVerka Haworth.

A few years ago, Ramona asked her parents to adopt for her a "sister who had never had a family." In January, Rebecca of Kerala, India, joined the Haworth family, and died with Ramona March 7.

Ramona looked forward to a career in nursing. She wanted to become a physical therapist so she could help young handicapped children.

REBECCA SHOBHA HAWORTH

Rebecca was born Nov. 27, 1967 in the state of Kerala, India. Her mother was a servant who died when Rebecca was seven months old.

Rebecca spent her childhood in a Christian orphanage until she became a member of the Haworth family in January, 1983.

The official adoption procedure was completed Jan. 6, 1984, and the family had just received the birth certificate during February.

Ramona and Rebecca are survived by parents, Robert and Gladys Haworth; brothers Ronald, 21, Rick, 19, and Randall, 13; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Haworth of Montezuma and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan VeVerka of Montezuma.

Memorial services at Montezuma school included an invocation by the Rev. Martin Gruneich of the Montezuma Presbyterian Church, reading and special music by Darrell Brand, eulogy by the Rev. Keith Briggs, remarks by the Rev. George W. Blakesley of the Des Moines Presbyterian Youth Council, meditation by the Rev. Douglas Smiley of Montezuma, and vocal selections by Rev. Briggs.

Casket-bearers for Ramona were Lewis Lundy, Roger Watson, Robert Widmer, Tom Erickson, Loren Roorda and William Rempp.

Rebecca's casket-bearers were Waldo Vannoy, Elvin Bensink, Howard McKee, Keith Cheney, Edwin Allison and Kenneth Hoksbergen.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

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