

Crash Claims Life Of Mrs. Lang

H-R Aug 25, 1958
Funeral Services Tuesday;
J. Russell Lang Listed
In Critical Condition

A crash on Highway 6 about 3 1/2 miles east of Newton early Saturday evening claimed the lives of Mrs. J. Russell Lang, 58, of Grinnell, and George Murray, 16, of near Newton.

Both Mrs. Lang and Murray died shortly after admission to Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton following the crash.

In Critical Condition

J. Russell Lang is listed in critical condition at the Skiff Memorial Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

Listed in fair condition are Jack Harger, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harger of Newton and Ruth Buchmeier, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Buchmeier of Kellogg, who were passengers in the Murray car.

At Scene Of Accident

Jasper County Sheriff George Strawser said this morning that he had talked to Harry Wharff of Newton, who was at the scene of the mishap when it occurred.

Sheriff Strawser said Wharff reported that he was looking for a lost hubcap along the highway when the car driven by Murray came by. He said that the "kids in the car" yelled at him and that just shortly afterward, he heard the crash impact.

Below Crest of Hill

Sheriff Strawser said that the accident occurred about 200 feet below the crest of a hill. The Langs were headed toward Grinnell while the Murray car was headed toward Newton.

Violence of the impact was noted by the sheriff when he said that the radiator in the Murray car was only about 1 1/2 feet from the windshield.

Motorists Cause Confusion

Motorists stopping at the scene of the fatal accident caused considerable confusion and delay in the removal of the injured, according to Jasper County Sheriff George Strawser. He said that actions of these motorists bordered on "criminal negligence."

Funeral Services Tuesday

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church with Brother Fred Fish and Brother Stephen J. Epler officiating.

Those desiring may contribute memorials to the Grinnell Christian Church.

Born Near Brooklyn

Mrs. Lang was born the daughter of Brownlie and Dora Hayes Graham on April 23, 1900, near Brooklyn, Iowa, one of eight children.

She was married to J. Russell Lang at the Madison Church of Christ near Brooklyn on July 31, 1918 by the Rev. W. B. Wilson. To this union were born seven children:

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Mrs. Don (Kathryn) Larsen, James B. Lang, Eugene R. Lang, Mrs. Don (Jane) Thompson, and John R. Lang, all of Grinnell;

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OBITUARY

H-R Sept 1, 1958
Agnes Christiana Lang
(Contributed)

Agnes Christiana Graham, daughter of Brownlie and Dora Hayes Graham, was born on a farm near Brooklyn, April 22, 1900, and passed away at Skiff Memorial Hospital, Newton, Aug. 23, 1958. Her age was 58 years, four months and one day. Involved in an automobile accident on last Saturday evening, Agnes lived a short time and her husband, J. Russell Lang, is in the hospital at Newton from the injuries.

Agnes and Russell were married at the Madison Church of Christ by W. B. Wilson on July 31, 1918, and recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Lang and family have worked together in all their interests in life: in the home, community and the church. She attended the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, and taught school for a brief period.

On August 16, 1911, Agnes was baptized by the Madison Minister, Oscar Grimes. She had been an ardent Christian and worked faithfully for the church. She was loved by her family and respected by her many friends. Her activities included community interests and she was a member of the Band Boosters, when her children were in the public school.

The Russell Lang family moved from Madison township to Grinnell in 1933 and this had since been their home. She was preceded in death by her father, Brownlie Graham, and one brother, Paul.

She is survived by her husband, J. Russell Lang, the seven children: (Kathryn) Mrs. Don Larsen, James B. Lang, Eugene R. Lang, (Jane) Mrs. Don Thompson, John R. Lang, all of Grinnell; (Carol) Mrs. Tom Shaner of Detroit, Mich.; (Grace) Mrs. Wm. Davidson of Butler, Pa.; her mother, Dora Hayes Graham of Grinnell; five sisters and one brother: (Sarah) Mrs. Frank Burnell, Mrs. Jeanetta Harshorn, (Carrie) Mrs. Verner Bolen, (Olive) Mrs. Burdette Abel, all of Grinnell; (Frances) Mrs. Herbert Kleiss of Brooklyn; Archie O. Graham of Ontario, California; 16 grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A wonderful wife and mother has gone. She will be missed by the loved ones and others.

Funeral services were conducted at the Grinnell Christian Church, on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 2 p. m. Officiating ministers were Fred Fish and Stephen J. Epler. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery, Grinnell.

J. Russell Lang