

In Tractor Accident

Porter Lowry Killed Wednesday; County's 6th Traffic Death Of '65

Poweshiek county listed its sixth traffic fatality of 1965 and the third during the month of October late Wednesday afternoon as the result of a tractor accident near Searsboro.

Just Inside County

Mishap took place about four miles south and one mile west of Searsboro on a gravel road, just inside Poweshiek county, and claimed the life of Porter Lowry, 54-year-old farmer of Rte. 1, Searsboro.

According to Sheriff Wiley Taylor, who investigated the accident along with Deputy Max Allen and Highway Patrolman Gerald Kahler, Lowry was traveling east on his tractor, pulling a nearly empty

ty wagon.

As Lowry was going down a hill, one wheel of the tractor apparently slipped off the edge of the road, causing the machine to overturn in the ditch. Lowry was thrown beneath the tractor and pinned by the machine.

He was apparently killed instantly.

Although there were no witnesses to the accident, it is believed to have happened just before 5 p.m. The scene was only about 150 feet from the driveway of the victim's brother, Harry Lowry.

Victim's body was discovered a short time later by Merl Keup of Grinnell, who drove by a few minutes later and saw the overturned tractor. He went immediately to the Harry Lowry farm and authorities were notified.

Funeral Services

Funeral services for Porter Lowry will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, from the Taintor Methodist church with the Rev. Jerry Brown, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Stewart cemetery near Taintor with the Harden funeral home of New Sharon in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of the late William and Harriet Lowry of Searsboro and was born on April 30, 1911. During World War II he served with a naval construction battalion in the South Pacific.

Survivors

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two sons, Airman 2/c Michael Leigh Lowry of Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebr., and William Raymond Lowry of the family home; a daughter, Mrs. James (Patricia) Burggraaf of Grinnell.

Also surviving are a sister and brother, Mrs. Velma Taylor of Lynnville and Harry Lowry of Searsboro.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1965

Porter Lowry, 54

Porter Lowry, 54, of Searsboro apparently died instantly Oct. 27 when the tractor he was driving turned over on him four miles south, and one mile west of Searsboro.

According to investigating lawmen, Lowry was apparently going down hill pulling an nearly-empty wagon when one wheel of the tractor slipped off the edge of the road. The machine flipped over in the ditch with Lowry under it.

Services were held Oct. 30 at the Taintor Methodist church, the Rev. Jerry Brown officiating.

A military service was held at Stewart cemetery. Casket bearers were Robert Wickham, Chas. Castner, Gordon Linsted, Glen Linsted, Howard LaRue and Jerry McArtor.

Porter Lowry was born April 30, 1911 in the family home near Taintor, the son of Wm. and Harriet Lowry. He began farming the home place as a young boy and continued throughout his life, except for 39 months Navy "SeeBee" service during World War II.

Before duty in the Southwest Pacific area, he was married to Beryl Joyce Butterworth of Ainsworth, Feb. 6, 1943.

In 1945 they returned to make their home in the house that belonged to his grandfather, Curtis Lowry, one mile east of his birthplace.

His parents, and a sister, Nellie, preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Joyce, two sons, Airman Michael Leigh and Wm. Raymond at home; a daughter, Patricia Jean Burggraaf and a son-in-law, Russell Burggraaf of Grinnell; his brother and partner, Harry Lowry; a sister, Mrs. Velma Taylor, and one niece, Harriet Taylor.