

Maims Life Of Rural Malcom Woman

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Mrs. Elsie L. May Is County's 2nd Traffic Victim; Daughter Serious

After going thru the first five months of 1963 without a traffic fatality, Poweshiek county recorded its second victim in just a little more than a week Thursday afternoon.

2nd Victim

Latest victim was Mrs. Elsie Lucille May, 60, of rural Malcom, who died when the car in which she was riding was struck by a county truck carrying a load of crushed rock. Accident occurred at an intersection about four miles north of the Malcom junction of highways 6 and 63.

Mrs. May was thrown from the car driven by her daughter, Doris, 26. Miss May was seriously injured and was rushed to a Grinnell hospital. Later that same day she was transferred to University Hospital at Iowa City.

Trucker Not Injured

Driver of the truck was Maynard Treishman, 25, of Brooklyn. He was not injured.

Mrs. May's death came just nine days after Joseph Lucina of Grinnell died of injuries sus-

tained June 4th in a two-car crash about six miles south of Grinnell on Highway 146. Lucina's was the first traffic death of the year in this county.

Vision Obscured

Highway Patrolman Gerald Kahler, who investigated the Thursday fatal accident along with Sheriff's deputies from Poweshiek county, said that the May car was traveling south when it was struck by the east-bound truck. There is a stop sign at the intersection, halting north-south traffic. However, a high bank on the west side of the intersection obscures vision from that direction.

Truck hit the May car broadside, literally tearing the right side of the 1958-model auto to pieces. Mrs. May, believed to have been riding in the right front seat, was thrown from the auto onto the gravel road. She apparently died almost instantly.

Vehicles In Ditch

The automobile was thrown across the road and finally came to rest in an upright position in

the ditch at the southeast corner of the intersection. The gravel truck creased down the road for nearly 100 feet and then nosed into the ditch. Right front wheel was knocked off the truck and the load of crushed rock was partially spilled.

Funeral services for Mrs. May were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Sherridan Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. James Robinson, officiating. Vocal music was provided by James Black, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Strine at the piano.

In charge of flowers were Mrs. Elmer Probst, Mrs. Jessie Melvin, Mrs. Don Baustang, and Mrs. Henry Schmidt. Pallbearers were Kenneth Charles, Earl Floyd, Lyle, and Clinton Treishman.

Burial was in the Sherridan cemetery.

Mrs. May is survived by a son, Robert, a daughter, Doris, two grandchildren, and her mother, Mrs. Ida Treishman. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Betty Simmons and Mrs. Lila Atney.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Malcom on April 12th, 1961.

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