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Vern Murphy Killed Thursday In Tractor Accident Near Guernsey

A 76-year-old Guernsey man died enroute to a Marengo hospital Thursday of injuries received that morning in a tractor accident.

The victim was Vern Murphy, mayor of Guernsey and rural mail carrier there for 18 years. A longtime resident of Guernsey, he had previously farmed near Deep River.

Murphy had been mowing weeds northwest of the Poweshiek county community when

the tractor he was driving overturned. Vaughn Hopwood of Deep River found Murphy a few minutes later and immediately summoned help.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the McAninch funeral home at Victor.

Survivors include his widow, Mamie McWilliams Murphy; and three sons, Clifford and Alden of Belle Plaine and Gladen of Marengo.

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AUGUST 29, 1963

Tractor Accident Takes Life Of Verne E. Murphy

Verne E. Murphy, son of David and Kate Murphy was born Oct. 15, 1887, near Garden Plaines, Ill.

He moved to Iowa with his parents at the age of 10 years. He lived in Benton and Poweshiek counties most of his life.

He was united in marriage to Laura Burke at Guernsey June 10, 1911 and to this union three sons were born. He carried mail out of Guernsey until 1916, at this time they moved to Lake Field, Minn., and farmed for five years. In 1921 they returned to Guernsey and worked for John Morton on the county roads, also lived in Belle Plaine and worked for the North Western railroad pumping water.

Sept. 4, 1929, he remarried to Mrs. Manie Herrmann. They farmed near Deep River and Guernsey until they retired in 1949 to make their home in Guernsey.

Mr. Murphy has been Mayor of Guernsey for many years, also working for the town. He was a member of the Modern Woodman Of America lodge for many years. His death came from a tractor accident which upset on him while mowing weeds for the town west of Guernsey. He died in the ambulance on the way to Marengo hospital, Aug. 22, at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 7 days.

He is survived by his wife, 3 sons, Gladyn of Marengo, Clifford and Alden of Belle Plaine; also 2 stepsons, Elton and Harlan Herrmann of Cedar Rapids, 16 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, Mrs. Hazel Tanner, Belle Plaine and Mrs. Gladys Cochran, Montezuma, beside many relatives and friends.

Services was held from the McAninch Chapel in Victor Saturday, Aug. 24, at 2 o'clock with Rev. William Morehouse of Deep River officiating. Arthur Langsang "In The Garden" and "Beyond The Sunset," accompanied by Mrs. George Keller, organist.

Burial was in Guernsey cemetery. Flowers were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Norden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waline and Mrs. Leona Johnson. Casket bearers were Robert McWilliams, Elbert Norton, Charles Mullen, Wayne Baustian, Eugene Hall and Lawrence Pidima