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Gilman farmer

dies in crash

A Gilman-area farmer was killed early Wednesday when his car hit a sheet of ice near the junction of County Road E-69 and U.S. Highway 63 in Tama County.

J. Clark Scurr, 80, of Rte. 2, Gilman, was pronounced dead at the scene by Tama County Deputy Medical Examiner Dennis Mallory, D.O.

A passenger in the Scurr car, Orville T. Asp, 71, of Rte. 1, Gilman, was taken to Grinnell General Hospital for treatment of chest injuries.

A spokesman for the Tama County Sheriff's Department said Scurr was eastbound on E-69 some seven miles southwest of Tama, crested a hill and skidded on the ice.

The car went off the left side of the road, striking a guy wire attached to an electrical pole, then struck a farm loading chute near a fence. The car went through the fence and rolled on its top.

Scurr's 1978 Oldsmobile was demolished.

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Clark Scurr services set

Funeral services for J. Clark Scurr, 80, who died Wednesday of injuries he received in a one-car accident in Tama County, will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Jerry Cassidy, pastor of the Gilman Com-

munity Church, will officiate, with burial at the Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

Masonic rites will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials in Mr. Scurr's name may be made to the Gilman Community Church.

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Rites held for J. Clark Scurr



J. Clark Scurr, 80, of Rte. 2, Gilman, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 8, of injuries he received in a car accident eight miles southwest of Tama on a county road.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jerry Cassidy, pastor of the Gilman Community Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Frank Shults.

Pallbearers were Susan Buitendorp, Anthony, Dale E. Anthony, James R. Buitendorp, Kathleen Scurr Ferguson, Terry Ferguson, Joseph Scurr and Steven Scurr. Honorary bearers were Lester Ashing, Navon Crandon, Wilbur Crandon, K.L. Hoefert, Axel Hansen, Paul Harms, Art Petersen and F.W. Tomasek.

Masonic services were conducted at 7 p.m. Friday by members of Cyrus Lodge No. 338 and Hermon Lodge No. 273, A.F. and A.M. at the Smith Funeral Home.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Scurr's name may be made to the Gilman Community Church or to the Marshall County Park Department and may be sent to the Smith Funeral Home.

The son of Joseph Harry and Ida Eunice Clark Scurr, he was born Nov. 2, 1902, in Gilman. He graduated from Gilman High School in 1922 and received a degree in animal husbandry and soils from Iowa State College in 1927.

On July 31, 1926, he was married to Frances V. Lippincott at Crown Point, Ind. They lived at West Bend, where Mr. Scurr was principal and agriculture teacher. He helped establish the 17th vocational agriculture department in Iowa.

The Scurrs moved to Grinnell in 1937 where they established the Scurr Refrigerated Locker Service. They moved to the Villageside Farm west of Gilman in 1957.

Mr. Scurr was active in Masonic bodies in Grinnell and Gilman. He was a member of the Cyrus Masonic Lodge No. 338 at Gilman and received his 50-year pin in December 1979. He was a former board member of Grinnell Community Hospital and for many years was a Cub master and Boy Scout assistant here. He was a member of the Marshall County Soil Conservation Commission from 1959 to 1962 and a member of the Marshall County Conservation Commission from 1961 to 1979.

He was also a member of the Gilman Community Church and was named Marshall County Citizen of the Year in 1980 by the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, the American Forestry Association and the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; his daughter Nancy Buitendorp of Grinnell; his son, J. Harry Scurr of Grinnell; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, J.W. Reginald Scurr of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Susan S. Scurr.