

Grinnell Man Dies In Car-

Victim Is William H. Smith, 22; Truck Passing In Restricted Zone

Poweshiek county's first traffic fatality of 1962 was chalked up early Sunday morning when the life of 22-year-old William Hall Smith, of Grinnell was snuffed out in a car-truck collision west of here.

Accident occurred at approximately 2:08 a.m. Sunday on Highway 6 less than a mile west of the Grinnell city limits. Point of impact was near the west limits of the Four Winds Motel.

Smith, who was single and resided with his mother, Mrs. Frances Smith at 1005 Center St. here, had visited friends earlier that night in the west rural Grinnell area and was returning home when the fatal crash occurred. He was alone in the car at the time.

According to the official report of County Medical Examiner Dr. T. E. Brobyn, death was instantaneous when his 1956 model automobile was struck by a tractor-trailer driven by Edwin E. Simmons of Chicago.

Highway Patrolman John Flannery, who investigated the crash along with Grinnell police and Sheriff Bill Welsh, said that Simmons was passing another semi in a restricted zone at the time of collision. The left rear driving wheel of the huge trailer slammed into the left side of the Smith car, bending and twisting the car almost beyond recognition.

Driving wheel was ripped from the truck and bits of bent and broken metal and shattered glass were strewn along the highway for several hundred feet. The eastbound Smith car was knocked into the deep ditch on the south side of the highway, coming to rest on its side.

Car was completely demolished and damages to the truck were extensive. For a time the huge trailer partially blocked the highway but the road was eventually cleared when another truck was used to pull the damaged vehicle off the highway shoulder.

Patrolman Flannery filed

charges of passing in a restricted zone on Simmons. The trucker entered a plea of guilty in justice of peace court here later the same day and was fined \$100.

The dead youth was employed at the Donaldson Mfg. Co. here and was a Navy veteran.

Last traffic fatality in Poweshiek county was George Norman of Des Moines, who died Oct. 11th at an Iowa City hospital of injuries received in a two car crash Oct. 1st. Accident took place at the junction of highways 6 and 63 about six miles east of Grinnell.

There were only two traffic deaths in Poweshiek county last year. The other was Ralph Cooper of Grinnell, who died when the motorcycle he was riding was struck by a car just outside the west city limits of Grinnell on Highway 6. That accident occurred last June 29th.

Funeral services for William Smith will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday from the Methodist church with Dr. G. S. Bruland,

pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Friends may call at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home.

Born July 5th, 1939, at Waterloo, he came to Grinnell with his parents when 11 months old. He attended Grinnell high school and graduated with the class of 1957.

In August of that year he joined the U.S. Navy and served as a communications technician, third class. He was stationed in Adak for a year, at Hawaii for two years, and spent the remainder of his service in the continental United States.

Discharged on Aug. 4th, 1961, he returned to Grinnell to make his home with his mother.

He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Frances Smith of Grinnell; his father, Dawson Smith of Grand Prairie, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Warren E. Palmer of La Habra, Calif., Mrs. Robert J. Taylor of Prairie Village, Kan., and his twin sister, Mrs. Kay Fanning of Chicago.

Also surviving are his grandmother, Mrs. Rose Evans of Newton, seven nieces and nephews, and his aunts and uncles.