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## Mrs. Van Tomme Killed In Auto Accident In Iowa County Friday

A Brooklyn woman, Mrs. Clemance VanTomme, 80, died Friday, Dec. 23, about 10:30 p.m. in an Iowa City hospital from injuries she received in a one-car accident in Iowa County. Mrs. VanTomme was a passenger in the car driven by August Cleppe, 80, of Brooklyn.

They were traveling east on highway 6 and attempted to turn north on highway 21 to go to Belle Plaine when lights blinded Mr. Cleppe. He lost control and the car overturned. They were taken to an Iowa City hospital by a Victor ambulance. Mr. Cleppe was treated for lacerations and bruises.

The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. It was investigated by Highway Patrolmen Timothy Driscoll and Charles Hooper.

Funeral services for Mrs. Van Tomme were held Monday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Kennedy officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery at Brooklyn.

She is survived by her son, Renee Van Tomme of Montezuma; two daughters, Laura Lacayse of Brooklyn and Mrs. Mary Goodrich of Mar-engo; ten grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; and a sister in Belgium.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, one son, one grandson, a brother and a sister.

## Brooklyn Woman Dies Following Auto Crash

Funeral rites were conducted at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Brooklyn Monday for Mrs. Clemance Van Tomme, 80, longtime resident of this community who died Friday night in an Iowa City hospital of injuries sustained in a one-car accident east of Victor earlier that day.

Mrs. Van Tomme was a passenger in a car driven by August Cleppe, 80, also of Brooklyn. They were enroute to Belle Plaine about 5:30 Friday when Cleppe was blinded by lights of an oncoming vehicle and he lost control of the auto and it upset in the ditch.

The accident scene was at the intersection on highways 6 and 21 near Victor in Iowa county.

Both Cleppe and Mrs. Van Tomme were taken to Iowa City where Mrs. Van Tomme died about 10:30 p.m.

Cleppe sustained broken ribs, cuts and bruises and a knee injury. He has been transferred to St. Francis hospital, Grinnell.

Rev. John Kennedy officiated at the funeral rites for Mrs. Van Tomme. Burial was in Calvary cemetery at Brooklyn.

Bearers were grandsons - Dean, Frank, Dale and Dennis Van Tomme, Gerald Goodrich and Marvin Lacaeyse. Assisting with flowers were Bill and Hildegard Heitsman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Renterghem.

Born Clemance Boerganjon, Oct. 1, 1886, in Belgium, she came to the United States in 1906. She married Frank Van Tomme on May 12 of that same year. They lived in Ill-

inois until 1914 when they moved to a farm southeast of Brooklyn. After leaving the farm she lived at 104 E. 2nd street, Brooklyn.

Survivors include her son, Renee of Montezuma; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil (Mary) Goodrich of Marengo and Mrs. Fred (Laura) Lacaeyse of rural Montezuma; 10 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; a sister in Belgium and a daughter-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, one grandson, one brother and one sister.

MONTEZUMA REPUBLICAN . . . JANUARY 5, 1967

### VanTomme Services Held At Brooklyn Dec. 26

Funeral services for a longtime resident of the Brooklyn community, Mrs. Clemance VanTomme, were conducted by the Rev. John Kennedy at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, on Monday, Dec. 26.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery at Brooklyn. Casket bearers were her grandsons: Gerald Goodrich, Frank VanTomme, Dean VanTomme, Dale VanTomme, Marvin Lacaeyse and Dennis VanTomme. Assisting with flowers were Bill and Hildegard Heitsman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Renterghem.

Mrs. VanTomme, 80, died Friday evening, Dec. 23, in an Iowa City hospital from injuries received earlier that day in an auto accident at the intersection of highways 6 and 21 near Victor in Iowa County.

Born Clemance Boerganjon, Oct. 1, 1886, in Belgium, she came to the United States in 1906. She married Emil Frank VanTomme at Patterson, N.J., on April 12, 1906. They lived in Kewanee, Ill., until 1914 when they moved to a farm south of Brooklyn. They lived in the Brooklyn community since except for six years when they lived near Deep River. After leaving the farm Mrs. VanTomme lived in Brooklyn.

Survivors include her son, Rene of Montezuma; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil (Mary) Goodrich of Marengo and Mrs. Fred (Laura) Lacaeyse of rural Montezuma; 10 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; a sister in Belgium and a daughter-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, one grandson, one brother and one sister.