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Large; Three Men Killed

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Three Brooklyn men died late Friday when the car in which they were riding caromed off a bridge on Highway 6 west of Grinnell, crashed onto the side of the road and burned.

Dead are Michael A. Wenger, 21; Lyle F. DeVilder, 21; and Christopher F. Crider, 18.

The impact moved the bridge abutment several inches and totally demolished the car, which burst into flames immediately after the crash. Investigating officers were unable to say who was driving the car, which was registered to Wenger.

High Speed

Iowa Highway Patrolmen who investigated the crash said the vehicle apparently was traveling at a high rate of speed, missing the curve and striking the bridge.

All three of the Brooklyn men

were thrown from the car and were killed instantly. They were pronounced dead at the scene by the Jasper County medical examiner.

Wenger

Michael Wenger was born Aug. 19, 1950, the son of Gerald and Maxine Wenger.

A graduate of B-G-M High School, he was an employee of the Rock Island Railroad Co. He is survived by his parents and two sisters.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Methodist church in Brooklyn, with burial in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

DeVilder

Lyle DeVilder was born Dec. 31, 1949, the son of Frank and Margaret DeVilder. He attended B-G-M High School.

He is survived by his parents,

two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today (Monday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church, with the Rev. Charles Gannon officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Crider

Christopher Crider was born Sept. 26, 1952, the son of Giles and Peggy Louise Crider. Following graduation from B-G-M High School, he attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport. He had worked for a General Electric appliance firm as a salesman, living for a time in Davenport and Des Moines before returning to Brooklyn.

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