

C. Wheeler⁽²⁾ Dies Tuesday Of Injuries ^{H-K}

Sister-In-Law Succumbed
Sunday Following Crash;
Services To Be Saturday

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A two-car crash east of Grinnell on highway 6 Sunday afternoon claimed its second victim here Tuesday with the death of Clifton W. Wheeler, 77, of Grinnell. Wheeler was Poweshiek county's fifth traffic fatality of the year.

First victim of the same accident was Mrs. Elzada Lester, 79, a sister-in-law of Wheeler, who died Sunday evening about four hours after the accident.

The crash took place at the intersection of a gravel road with highway 6 about four miles east of Grinnell. Wheeler and Mrs. Lester were driving from the north in their car and apparently failed to see the vehicle approaching from the east on the highway. Investigat-

ing officers said Wheeler pulled his auto into the path of one driven by August Amick of Osceola.

Amick and his wife were the only occupants of their car and both received severe cuts, bruises and other injuries. Both are still hospitalized in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Mr. Wheeler will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the James-Schallinske Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland of the Methodist church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stahl will be the vocalists, accompanied by Ed Bohstedt at the organ.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Palmer, Allen Wheeler, William Morrison, Frank Wheeler, Laverne Morrison and Stanley White. Flower committee will be Mrs. Ed Bohstedt and Mrs. Raymond Schultz. Interment will be in the Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom.

He was born Sept. 9, 1882, at Malcom, the son of William and Sadie Keller Wheeler and was the last surviving member in a family of five children. He attended school and grew to manhood in the Malcom community.

On March 8, 1905, he was united in marriage to Katie Wurster, who preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 1958. They resided on a farm near Hale, Mo., for four years and from there moved to Erie, Kan., where they lived until 1918 when they moved to a farm near Malcom. There they made their home until retiring. After retiring, they lived in and near Grinnell and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1955.

They were the parents of four children: Mrs. Harvey (Sadie) Jensen of Grinnell, Mrs. Henry (Floyd) Rohlfing of Malcom, Mrs. Raymond (Lona) Baneham of Grinnell, and Gail C. Wheeler of Malcom.

Mr. Wheeler was baptized and became a member of the Grinnell Methodist church. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias and a past member of the Odd Fellows.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his mother and father; three sisters, Lizzie Duffus, Belle Palmer and Josie Nutting; and one brother, Grant Wheeler.

Survivors include one son, three daughters, seven granddaughters and seven great grandchildren.