

Walter Duane Uhrick

June 14, 1944 - October 15, 1966



Photo by Barbara Baker Anderson

Walter Duane Uhrick

Date of Death: October 15, 1966

Date of Burial: October 18, 1966

Burial: Springhill Cemetery

Walter Uhrick Killed Saturday as Car Hits Jay County Span

Walter Duane Uhrick, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Uhrick, formerly of east of town, now residing one mile east of Geneva on Road 000 was killed Saturday at 6:10 pm when his car flipped over after striking a culvert and skidded on its top for 40 feet across the bridge. The accident happened on Jay County Road 173 about three miles east of Portland.

Uhrick was dead on arrival at the Jay County Hospital. The Jay County Deputy Coroner, Dr. James Fitzpatrick, said death was due to a massive head injury suffered as Uhrick's auto skidded upside down across the other side of the span.

Two passengers in the auto, Fred Beitler, 20, of Decatur and Thelma Whetsel, 15, of Portland, suffered only minor cuts and bruises according to Jay County. Deputy Sheriff Harold Loy who with others of the sheriff's department are investigating the crash.

The body was taken first to the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home at Portland and then to the Yager Funeral Home here. Funeral services for the young man who had his address as 910 S. 13th Street, Decatur, but who had been living with a sister, Mrs. Ethel Jones at Pennville, will be held at the funeral home here on Tuesday at 2:00 pm. The Rev. Frank

Voss will conduct the service and burial will be made in Spring Hill Cemetery northeast of Berne.

Surviving are this parents Vernon and Edna Mae (Morningstar) Uhrick and the following brothers and sisters, Dale of Geneva, R 2; Mrs. Josephine of Route 2 Geneva; Mrs. Flossie Couch, Nashville, Ark.; Mrs. Ethel Jones, Pennville with whom he had been residing. Half-brother and half-sisters who survive are Elmer Uhrick of Decatur; Clarence Uhrick, St. Mary's, O.; Mrs. Albert Heins, Mentone; Mrs. Dolly Osborn, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Luther Beitler.

The victim had been an employee of the Corning Glass Works at Bluffton.

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