

## Wolfe Funeral Rites Sunday Afternoon Year's First Traffic Fatality In County

Funeral services for Clyde D. Wolfe, 60, Adams County's first traffic victim for the year 1942, will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his home, three and one-half miles east of Monroe, at 2 o'clock at the Pleasant Valley Church near there. Rev. Carl William, Rev. Susie Sproul and Rev. R. G. Winterholder will officiate. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. The body has been removed from the Lobenstein Funeral Home to the residence. Mr. Wolfe died Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. Death was attributed to skull fracture suffered last Saturday morning in a two car crash near Monroe. He never regained consciousness after the accident. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, October 28, 1881, the son of Daniel and Ellen Wolfe. He was married to Ida Durbin, who survives. Surviving also are the following children: Mrs. Gerald Fry of Pennville, Mrs. Howard Presdorf of Craigville, Grover Wolfe of Decatur, and Mrs. Norman Noack of Fort Wayne; four sisters: Mrs. Nellie Gould of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Ollie Durbin of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Laura Strickler of Redkey; one brother, Harry Wolfe of Redkey. One son is deceased. The accident occurred at a county road intersection three miles east and one mile south of Monroe. The car driven by Mr. Wolfe and another driven by Wilber Beer, 49, of route six, Decatur, crashed when both approached the intersection at the same time. Sheriff Ed Miller investigated the accident and called an ambulance to move the badly injured man to the local hospital. Mr. Beer was unhurt, while Chester Feasel of Decatur, who was riding with Beer, sustained minor injuries.

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Injuries in Auto Accident Fatal to Farmer

Clyde D. Wolfe, 60, Dies at Hospital; Rites Sunday at Pleasant Valley

An Adams County traffic fatality was entered in the records today with the death of Clyde D. Wolfe, 60, well known Adams County farmer, who died at the Adams County Hospital at Decatur at 3:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon from injuries received in an automobile accident. Mr. Wolfe resided in Washington Township, three and one-half miles east of Monroe, on the Dr. Kohne farm. He had resided there for 25 years.

Mr. Wolfe was fatally injured Saturday morning, May 23, when the car in which he was riding and one driven by Wilbur Beer of Decatur route six collided at a road intersection one mile south and three miles east of Monroe. Mr. Wolfe received a fractured skull, a brain concussion and many other injuries. He never regained consciousness and his condition was critical all the time since the mishap. Mr. Beer escaped with minor injuries and Charles Feasel of Decatur who was riding with him suffered a shoulder injury.

The Wolfe machine was pulling a trailer in which was a 500-pound hog. The hog was killed in the accident and both cars were nearly demolished.

Mr. Wolfe was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, October 28, 1881, a son of Daniel and Ellen Wolfe. He was married to Ida Durbin early in life. Surviving are the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Gerald Fry of Pennville, Mrs. Howard Presdorf of Craigville and Mrs. Norman Noack, Fort Wayne; one son, Grover of Decatur; four sisters, Mrs. Nellie Gould of Decatur, Mrs. Ollie Durbin and Mrs. Virgie Carver, Ft.

Wayne and Mrs. Laura Strickler, Redkey, and one brother, Harry Wolfe, Redkey. One son is deceased.

The body removed to the Lobenstein Funeral Home at Monroe will be taken this afternoon to the residence. Funeral services will be held there at 1:30 pm Sunday and at 2:00 o'clock at the Pleasant Valley Church with Rev. Carl Williams, Rev. A. E. Winterholder and Rev. Susie Sproul officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery northeast of Berne.

### **Adams County Historical Museum**

**1942A Scrapbook, Image 37**

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Monday, June 8, 1942

Clyde Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Wolfe, was born October 25, 1881 and departed this life May 28, 1942, at the age of 60 years and 7 months. On February 6, 1904, he was united in marriage to Ida Durbin. To this union were born five children, one son having preceded him in death. He had lived near Monroe for the last twenty-five years. He was converted early and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

He is survived by the wife, three daughters, Mrs. Garold Fry of Pennville, Indiana, Mrs. Howard Presdorf of Craigville, Mrs. Norman Noack of Fort Wayne, one son, Grover Wolfe of Decatur, an aged father, five grandchildren, four sisters and one brother, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Through much pain at times he'd smile - a smile of heavenly birth. And when the angels carried him (cut off)

**ADAM COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**1942 SCRAPBOOK, IMAGE 044-054**

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