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21 year old cyclist killed when hit by automobile Sunday

Dale R. Harshman, Jr., 21, of Decatur route 5, was fatally injured at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning when the motorcycle he was riding collided head-on with an auto one and one-half miles east of Decatur on U.S. highway 224.

The traffic victim, Adams county's ninth of the year to date, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Adams county memorial hospital.

Young Harshman, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Dale R. Harshman, Sr., of route 5, was killed when his cycle was struck head on by the car driven by Joseph Straley, 59, of 109 South street, Monroeville.

The impact hurled Harshman's body 50 feet back down the road and the cycle 150 feet.

State trooper Floyd Ehlerding, one of the investigating authorities, said Harshman was eastbound on the highway when struck by the Straley car, which was reportedly weaving at high speed. Ehlerding said today that cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Assisting in the investigation are the Adams county sheriff department, Decatur police and Adams county coroner Richard Linn.

Straley, who suffered severe cuts, was treated at the Adams county memorial hospital, and was reported to have left the hospital Sunday.

Robert Webster, 45, of 105 Barnhort street, Monroeville, a passenger in the Straley, car, was treated for bruises and lacerations and released.

Services Wednesday

The cycle victim was born in Decatur Aug. 17, 1945, the son of Dale R. and Delores Bentz-Harshman, and had resided in this community his entire lifetime.

He was a graduate of Decatur Catholic high school and was a second year student at Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne. During the summer vacation, he had been employed at the Decatur plant of the Central Soya Co.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and the Holy Name society.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Harshman of Decatur, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bentz, also of Decatur.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig, Doan & Sefton funeral home after 7 p.m. today until time of the services. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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