

DESSIE HOWARD, 76, injured in a mishap, dies at Van Wert.

Mrs. Dessie HOWARD, 76, of 513 Marshall Street, widow of Chester HOWARD, died at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday in the Van Wert, Ohio County Hospital of injuries received in an accident on 27 April . The mishap occurred in Van Wert County.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose.

Born in Adams County on 25 January 1897, she was the daughter of Joseph and Desdemona STALTER-WOLFE, and was married on 21 August 1915 to Chester HOWARD. Mr. HOWARD preceded her in death on 2 July 1970.

Surviving are two children, Ivan of Decatur, and Mrs. William (Devona) NEEDHAM, Downey, California; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel ANDREWS, Decatur, and Mrs. Bertha SCHMIDT, Hudson, Michigan; three brothers, George WOLFE and William WOLFE, Fort Wayne, and Lloyd WOLFE, Monroe Michigan; two grandsons and one great granddaughter. Three sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Zwick Funeral Home, with Rev. Fuhrman MILLER officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. tonight.

Memorial services will be conducted at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Friday by the Women of the Moose.

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DEATH OF WOMAN INVOLVED IN CRASH RULED OF NATURAL CAUSES

The death of Mrs. Dessie Howard, 76, of Decatur, has been ruled of natural causes rather than as a traffic fatality as was originally believed.

Mrs. Howard was injured in a three-car smashup April 27 and died Wednesday in Van Wert County Hospital. Her death was ruled as due to a heart attack by Dr. H. D. Underwood, Van Wert County coroner.

Mrs. Howard's sister, Mrs. Ethel M. Andrews, 83, also of Decatur, was injured in the crash and remains in good condition in Van Wert County Hospital. Mrs. Harry Dunn of Scott, who was also injured in the accident, has been released from the hospital.

Mrs. Howard's funeral service will be at 3:30 p.m. EST Saturday in the Zwick Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Fuhrman Miller to officiate.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

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