

NOVSTRUP, David P.

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FATAL ACCIDENT

Dave Novstrup Meets Instant Death by Auto Turning Turtle.

While coming from Marion on Christmas day Dave Novstrup, son of Lawrence Novstrup, one of the best known farmers met instant death when his Ford runabout turned turtle. He had been to Marion and was accompanied by Miss Ruth Gillen, a school teacher of that neighborhood, who was only slightly injured. This is a hard blow to the Novstrup family and coming as it did on Christmas day when everything should be joy and happiness. Too much care can not be taken in operating a car on these slippery roads.

Obituary

Christnas Joys were suddenly turned into sorrow at the home of Lawrence Novstrup when over the phone came the message that their eldest son, Daved P. Novstrup had turned turtle in his auto and was dead.

Mr. Novstrup and a lady friend, Miss Ruth Gillen, a school teacher, were coming home from Marion, where they had been to church on Christmas day, when on a high grade 3 miles south of town the car skidded and turned over into the ditch killing him instantly. Miss Gillen escaped being hurt but she was pinned under the car and laid for nearly an hour and a half before discovered and would have died also had she laid much longer.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at 11 o'clock, from the house, where the Odd Fellows, of which order he was a member, took charge in a very beautiful way. After which the remains were taken to the Spring Valley baptist church, where Rev. C. H. Bolvig, of Mankato, Minn., a former pastor, preached a very appropriate sermon. The remains were laid to rest in the Spring Valley Baptist cemetary where his grandparents, uncle, aunt and a cousin are buried. Had David lived until April 14th, 1915, he would have been 29 years old.

He was of a kind and loving disposition and had many friends wherever he went. The funeral was largely attended and the casket was loaded with beautiful fresh flowers which were gifts from relatives and friends. A large box of flowers were sent from Los Angeles, but arrived to late for the funeral.

David leaves besides father and mother, two brothers and four sisters who deeply feel the loss of a loving son and brother.

But the good father of all has willed it so that the this parting that seems so hard now will end in a joyous reunion in a few short years.