BERG, Joseph Junior

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Four Viborg Men Killed In Head-On Auto Collision

The death of four men of our community resulting from the head-on collision of two cars about 4 miles south of town last Saturday night, brought sudden grief to their families and relatives. The crash occured about 11 P. M., and Sheriff Harvey Nelson reports no cause for the accident was apparent.

Leslie Anderson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson, and Borge Tronbak, 32, a brother of Adolph Tronbak, were killed instantly. Willard (Billy) Platte, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Platte, died on the way to Sioux Valley Hospital. Joe Berg, Jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berg, died on Monday afternoon at the hospital from injuries received in the crash.

Still in critical condition is Stanley Jacobson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jacobson. Glen Reinholt, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marius Reinholt, is reported improving. Merrill Christensen, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Christensen, received a scalp injury, but is improving rapidly.

Glen Reinholt was alone in his car, coming from Irene, and the others were in the car belonging to Leslie Andersen. The impact left both cars "a mess", according to Sheriff Nelson, who investigated the accident.

Both Platte and Reinholt were home on furlough from army duty.

Funeral services for Leslie Andersen were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Bethany Lutheran Church, and services for Borge Tronbak were also held on Wednesday afternoon at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Last rites for Billy Platte are being held today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church at 2:00 P. M. The Joe Berg, Jr., funeral will be held on Saturday, 1:00 P. M. at the farm home, and 2:00 P. M. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Centerville. Obituaries next week.

JOSEPH JUNIOR BERG

Funeral services for Joseph Junior Berg were held on May 31st, from the home and at the Nazareth Lutheran Church with Rev. J. O. Blaness officiating. The soloist was Mary Ellen Mart, who was accompanied by Pauline Knutson. The Quartet was composed of Gus Brue, James Brue, Sanford Brue and Harold Johnson. They were accompanied by Mrs. James Brue. Pallbearers were: Burnell Johnson, Gary Gors, Keith Kollars, Howard Kollars, Deane Flynn and Delbert Johnson.

Joseph Junior Berg was born on August 1st, 1932, at Sioux City, Ia., to parents Oscar Joseph and Clara Berg, and departed from this life May 26th, 1952, at the Sioux Valley Hospital, having attained the age of 19 years, 9 months and 25 days.

Joseph Junior was baptized in the Lutheran faith by Rev. George Natwick at Sioux City, Ia.

Joe Jr., as he was known to his many friends, moved with his parents at the age of two years to the Rockfield community and when he was four, they moved to Daneville Township, which was his home at the time of his death. He attended Daneville school No. 46 and Viborg High School.

He was confirmed at the Nazereth Lutheran Church by Rev. J. O. Blaness and remained a member of that church.

Joe Jr. met his death as a result of a car accident 4 miles south of Viborg on the night of May 24th. He was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital but did not regain consciousness.

Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn his passing, one brother, James, two sisters, JoAnn and Karen, his grandfather, Mr. John A. Johnson of Sioux City, Ia., four aunts and five uncles. He was preceded in death by a brother Clayton.