

MCGUIRE, MICHAEL LEO
September 1, 1938-April 22, 1965

A tragic accident claimed the life of Michael McGuire, age 26, of Wheatland on April 22 at 8:30 p.m. when the 1964 Plymouth he was driving crashed into the rear of a tractor being driven by James D. McCartney also of Wheatland. The impact of the collision hurled the car 302 feet into the left bar pit where it overturned several times. The driver, who was thrown from the vehicle, landed 46 feet beyond the demolished car. Death was instantaneous.

The 1961 International tractor was ripped in half. The mangle tractor careened into the right bar pit for a distance of 44 ft. and the two left rear wheels which were broken off by the impact rolled down the highway and plunged into the left bar pit beyond the car. Mr. McCartney was fortunately thrown clear in the disaster and suffered only minor injuries.

Both vehicles were traveling west on State Secondary 1600 two miles west of Wheatland when the collision occurred.

An inquest was held Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, when the jury consisting of Larry Cobb, Ted Kruger and Roger Mills found excessive speed on the part of McGuire to be the cause of the accident.

Last rites for Michael Leo McGuire, who lost his life in a tractor-car collision on April 22, 1965 were held April 26 at St. Patrick's church at 10:00 a.m. with Father Leonard Wren officiating. Rosary services were held at the Schrader Chapel on Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Mr. McGuire was born in Wheatland on Sept. 1, 1938 to Mr. and Mrs. James H. McGuire and had spent his lifetime here. He was employed as a carpenter for Vernon Blodgett. He served with the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962 and was a member of the Catholic church.

Relatives left to mourn besides his parents; grandfather, Joseph Kernan of Harper's Ferry, Ia.; brothers, Francis, James, Martin, Harry, Charles, Joseph, Edward, Eugene and William; and sisters, Cecelia and Mary.

Tom McGuire, John English, Tim Mylet, Lavon Cochran, Fred McGuire and Jack White served as pallbearers.