

Two Killed In Accident At SR 41 & 32



An elderly Rarden couple were killed Tuesday afternoon, August 10, in a pick-up-tractor trailer accident at the intersection of SR 41 and the Appalachian Highway (SR 32). The mishap occurred at 12:30 p.m.

Pronounced dead at the scene were Jesse Smith, 83, and his wife, Rosella, 68, of 33 Straight Fork Road.

According to a report issued by the Georgetown Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Smiths were in a 1968 Chevrolet pick-up, northbound on SR 41. The patrol stated witnesses reported the Smith vehicle stopped at the intersection and proceeded north.

Apparently the Smiths never saw the oncoming, westbound tractor trailer. As their pick-up started across the westbound lanes, it was struck in the right front by a Mack truck hauling a semi-rig loaded with gravel. The driver, James L. Floyd, 40, of Wheelersburg, was in the inside lane with his rig.

The impact ejected both occupants from the pick-up through the passenger door. The pick-up was equipped with seat belts, however, the patrol stated they were not being used.

The tractor-trailer proceeded on through the intersection, overturning on the pavement and scattering its load of gravel, causing traffic to be routed on the eastbound lanes until clean-up could be completed. Floyd was taken to the Adams County Hospital by the Peebles Life Squad for treatment of injuries.

Funeral services are being arranged by the Brooke Funeral Home in Peebles. Services will be held at Harmon Church Friday, August 13, at 2 p.m. Burial for Mr. Smith will be in Harmon Cemetery. Mrs. Smith will be interred in Mustard Cemetery. Visitation will be at Brooke Funeral Home from 2 to 9 Thursday (today). Rev. Elmore Burkitt and Rev. Phil Zaayers will officiate.

Survivors include five sons: Charles of Arizona, Paul of Wilmington, Harry of Portsmouth, Gary of Wyoming and Dwayne of McDermott; three daughters, Joann Ryan of Sinking Spring, Joyce Newkirk of Peebles and Shirley Syronney of Rarden; also, 29 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Survivors of Mr. Smith, including children from a previous marriage: a son, Notley of Hillsboro; four daughters, Roma Cutlip of Piketon, Lula Cooper of Piketon, Sharma Hoffer of Delaware and Velma Coleman of Leesburg; also, two brothers, Ollis Smith of Peebles and Ora Smith of Rarden; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Coleman of Peebles and Okie Shoemaker of Wilmington; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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