

# Driver Dies After Crash

## Lawrence Royer, Barry, Strikes Tree

Battle Creek —(P)— Lawrence Royer, 77, of Hastings, was fatally injured Thursday night as his car hit a tree on a rural road one-half miles east of Battle Creek while he was en route home from a brother's funeral.

There were no witnesses and state police were unable to determine why the car went out of control on a straight-of-way.

Mr. Royer died in Leila hospital. Loy Royer, a son, of Bedford, said his father was en route to his Hastings home from the funeral of a brother, William, buried Wednesday in Pennsylvania. The son surmised the father became lost around Marshall and took an unfamiliar rural road into Battle Creek instead of a main highway.

Mr. Royer, who had been a farmer, moved to Hastings about 25 years ago. He did gardening and yard work.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen; another son, Emerson of Tucson, Ariz.; eight daughters, Mrs. Arthur Teeter of Nashville; Mrs. Kendall Coats Grove; Mrs. Donald Murphy, Mrs. Gordon Manni, Mrs. Albert Barry and Mrs. Harold Cole, all of Hastings; Mrs. Edward Nicolai of Detroit and Mrs. John Foster of Columbia City, Ind.; 32 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Monday at South Woodland Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Woodland Memorial park. The body is at the Walldorff & MacArthur funeral home.

### McCONKEY, MRS. JESSIE E. 616 S. Grand

Age 81, died at the home Sunday evening. She had been a resident of Lansing for 45 years, coming here from Milford, Ind. Mrs. McConkey was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, a member and past president of the Lansing Women's club, Past President and organizer of Home Garden club, member of League of Women Voters, formerly a board member of Woman's Home and previous to her Lansing residence, was noble grand in the Rebekah lodge of Milford, Ind. Surviving are the husband, Howard J., 3 daughters, Mrs. R. S. Linton, East Lansing, Mrs. Helen Hogan and Mrs. Marjorie Underwood, both of Lansing, a son, Leonard Holloway, Lansing, 2 sisters, Mrs. Charles Rohrer, New Paris, Ind., Mrs. Oliver Myers, Goshen, Ind., 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Estes-Leadley Colonial chapel with William Brown reading the Christian Science service and interment at Deerpdale cemetery.

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# Wheeler Dies With Kim Sigler

The same plane crash that took the life of former governor Kim Sigler also killed Harold J. Schuyler and his wife, Virginia. Mr. Schuyler had been a Motor Wheel employe since February 11, 1947 when he was hired into department 9, Plant No. 1 as an inspector.

Later that year he was transferred to Plant No. 2 where he was assigned to department 31, inspection and salvage. He had worked in that department until his sudden death.



Mrs. Schuyler, Mr. Schuyler's sister, Mrs. Ruth Prentice, had been Mr. Sigler's secretary for a number of years. Mrs. Prentice was the fourth victim of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler were buried in joint ceremonies from the Gossline Runciman funeral home. The Reverends Jack Kline and Herbert Thomas officiated and interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mr. Schuyler were Jacob L. Phillips, V. A. Brady, Richard D. Kramer, Ambrose H. Grover, Porter Mullen and Lincoln Hine, all Motor Wheel employes.

Surviving the Schuylers are three children, Judy, 10; Jean, 5, and Perry, 7.

