

James Arthur Spurgeon

Occupant Name: James Arthur Spurgeon

Location: **Section 2, Lot 31**

Date of Birth: 11/19/1935

Date of Death: 1941

Date of Burial: 1941

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Clarence Spurgeon

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Runs In Front Of Car, Fatally Injured

James Arthur Spurgeon, Aged 6, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spurgeon, Dies At County Hospital.

James Arthur, aged 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spurgeon of Brownstown, received fatal injuries Thursday evening about 5:30 o'clock, when he was struck by a car being driven by Samuel Wagoner of the Hobson Hill neighborhood.

As nearly as can be ascertained, this is Brownstown's first fatal accident involving a child and motorist on the local streets.

Shortly before dusk, the young lad, accompanied by his next-door chum, Harlan Newby, had left home for a quick trip to Walnut street, one block away. Returning, the Newby boy, having a bicycle, had gone back to the Cross street intersection because of sand in the alley connecting Spring and Walnut streets which was the nearest way home for the boys.

James Arthur started for the alley and came running out from behind a parked car near the residence of Dr. S. W. Shields and into the path of the car. Mr. Wagoner, who was not driving fast, swerved to the curb. The left bumper, however, caught the lad and threw him to the pavement.

The child sustained a fractured leg and arm and a severe fracture at the base of his skull. Dr. D. J. Cummings, who was called to the scene, placed the lad in his car and rushed him to the county hospital where he died of his injuries Friday morning about 9 o'clock.

James Arthur was born in Brownstown November 19, 1935. The first of the week he entered the first grade of the Browns-

town schools. He was a happy, likeable little fellow, full of life and a favorite among his little playmates.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. John U. Phelps, officiating. Burial in Fairview cemetery.

Besides his parents he is survived by one sister, Sarah Lou, at home; his grandmothers, Mrs. James Spurgeon of Brownstown and Mrs. Laura Braden of Free-town.