

Harry Lee Swartwood

Occupant Name: Harry Lee Swartwood

Location: Section R, Lot 27

Date of Birth: 7/1/1915

Date of Death: 1958

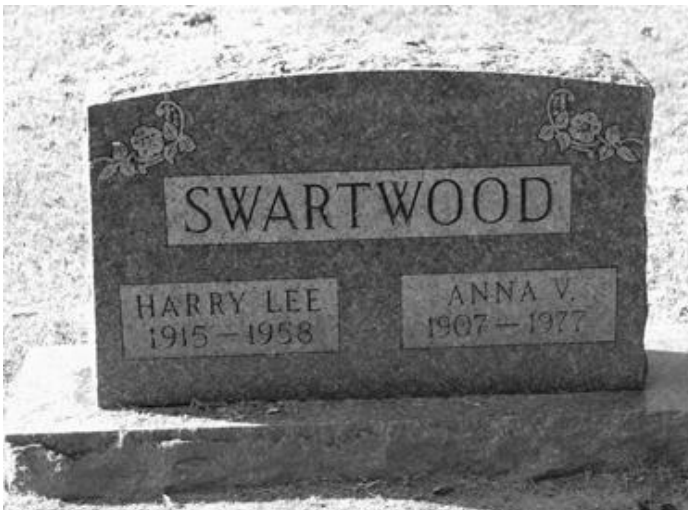
Date of Burial: 1958

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Boyatt

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Local Man Dies— Second Victim Of Auto Crash

Rites For Harry Lee Swartwood Held This Afternoon—Woman Companion Killed Instantly When Car Hits Trees North Of Seymour Last Saturday Morning.

Harry Lee Swartwood, of Brownstown, died at 1:00 o'clock Monday morning at the Jackson county hospital, from injuries suffered in a one-car accident on U. S. 31A, north of Seymour, Saturday morning, which claimed the life of his companion, Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, of Columbus.

Mrs. Thompson, a native of this county, and the mother of two daughters, died at the scene.

Funeral rites for Mr. Swartwood were held this afternoon from the Winklepleck Funeral Home in charge of the Rev. H. G. Ramsey, pastor of the Brownstown Methodist Church. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Thompson were held in Columbus the afternoon of the crash with burial in Garland Brook cemetery.

According to investigating officers, the car, driven by Mr. Swartwood, and traveling at an excessively high rate of speed, crashed into two trees on Road 31A, near the entrance to River-view Cemetery.

State Trooper Raymond Lynch, who with Deputy Coroner Victor L. Burkholder, investigated the crash, said Swartwood was traveling south when he hit the trees, after he failed to negotiate a sharp eastward turn in the highway. His vehicle swerved off the west side of the road, crashed into the first tree, continued another 40 feet, side-swiped the second tree, then swerved back onto the highway and stopped on its wheels cross way of the road. This area is a restricted speed zone.

Mrs. Thompson, dead when help arrived, was lying partially out of the car. Swartwood was pinned between the dash and steering wheel.

Trooper Lynch said there were "no skid marks" and that the driver was still "pushing on the gas pedal when he hit the first tree". The car, a 1957 model, was demolished.

Mr. Swartwood died of concussion, deep internal injuries and shock. He also had several broken ribs and a broken right hip. He never fully regained consciousness.

Mrs. Thompson's death was caused by a crushed head and body and her right arm was completely severed from her body.

Mr. Swartwood, was a native of Van Etten, New York, where he was born on July 1, 1915, a son of Harry W. Swartwood, and the late Margaret Lee Sheats Swartwood.

He had been a resident of Brownstown since September 19, 1954, and on December 23, that year, was married to Miss Anna Boyatt, who survives.

Also surviving, by a previous marriage are a married daughter, Fayne Marie, of Wellsburg, New York; three sons, Douglass and Swartwood, of Wellsburg, and Arthur and Richard Swartwood, both serving with the U. S. Marines.

Also surviving are the father, a step-sister, Ethel Swartwood, of Van Etten, New York; an aunt, who reared him following the death of his mother, Mrs. Helen Linster, of Elmyra, New York, and a cousin, Arthur Linster. An uncle, Fred Sheats, lives in Indianapolis.

He was a member of an Episcopal Church in Van Etten, and had been an employee of the Indiana State Highway Department.

Mrs. Thompson, the widow of