

Ruby F. Williams

Occupant Name: Ruby F. Williams

Location: **Section 2, Lot 26**

Date of Birth: 8/28/1922

Date of Death: 4/12/1945

Date of Burial: 4/15/1945

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Estill Farmer

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Medora Woman Killed, Man Dies, Three Hurt

A Medora young woman was killed instantly, her brother fatally injured, her husband was injured critically and her father and father-in-law injured seriously when a 1939 model sedan in which they were riding collided head-on with a tractor-trailer truck on U. S. Road 50 about twelve miles east of Bedford just west of the Jackson-Lawrence county line about 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The dead:
Mrs. Ruby Fay Williams, age twenty-one, of Medora.

Clarence R. Farmer, age nineteen, of Medora, brother of Mrs. Williams, died later today in Bedford hospital with fractured skull, fractured jaw.

The injured:
Elmer E. Williams, age twenty-three, husband of the fatally injured woman and driver of the automobile, deep multiple facial and scalp lacerations, shoulder fractured and possible internal injuries, also suffering from shock.

Estill Farmer, age fifty, Medora, father of the dead woman, fractured clavicle, fractured shoulder blade, back injuries and suffering from shock.

William A. Williams, age fifty-seven, of Medora, father of the car driver, both bones in the right wrist fractured, right arm fractured near the elbow, facial and scalp lacerations.

Driver of the truck, which was enroute east downgrade, was Melvin Mills, age twenty-eight, 401 North Fulton Avenue, Evansville. The truck is the property of the Indianapolis and Southern Motor Express, Inc.

Truck Driver Blames.

Mills was held blameless for the crash following an investigation at the scene conducted by R. C. Wynne, of Bedford, coroner of Lawrence county, Lester Hayes, sheriff of Lawrence county and State Police Officer Paul Kern, of the Jasper post.

Coroner Wynne said he would return a verdict of "accidental traumatism" in Mrs. Williams' death.

The five Medora residents were enroute west on U. S. Road 50 from their homes to Bedford where they were employed at the Bedford Foundry, Delco-Remy Division of General Motors Corporation.

The truck driver told investigating authorities that as he was driving downgrade east, on the highway, the 1939 automobile enroute west attempted to pass an automobile also westbound and the driver apparently applied the brakes when he saw the oncoming truck. The automobile then skidded into the path of the truck, and in the resulting head-on crash, the sedan in which the five Medora residents were riding was demolished. It came to a stop on the north side of the highway, headed south, opposite the truck trailer, with its motor torn out.

The truck went off onto the shoulder of the road as the driver said he swerved to the right in an attempt to avoid the crash and went into the ditch on the south side of the road. The tractor headed north and the trailer remained in the ditch when the vehicles settled following the impact.

The accident was reported to Sheriff Hayes by Ira East, Norman, Ill., whose vehicle authorities learned Williams was attempting to pass when he saw the approaching truck. Mr. East's car was not involved and he took two of the injured men to the Dunn Memorial Hospital at Bedford for treatment. The other two were taken later by ambulance.

Mrs. Williams' body was taken to a Bedford funeral home. Funeral arrangements and other particulars have not been learned. Relatives of some of the accident victims were notified of the accident while at work at the Noblit-Sparks Industries plant here.