

Former Blair Man Killed In Fiery Crash

P-7-24-68
Gasoline Transport Ruptured After Crash At 100th & L Streets

Wayne L. Petersen, a former Washington County man, was killed in a crash in Omaha Thursday evening at the One Hundred Twentieth and L Streets Intersection. Petersen was driving a gasoline transport which split open in the crash. The jettisoned fuel caught fire burning Petersen to death as well as two passengers of the car which was involved. Victims in the car were Mrs. Celestine Raymond of Millard and her son Roy, 14. Bodies of all of the victims were burned beyond recognition.

Petersen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Petersen who formerly lived in the Herman area. Both Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were killed in a traffic accident north of Blair in 1956.

Wayne was born June 6, 1945 at Plainview, Nebraska. He was married to the former Diana Kay Allen (Mitzi) of Blair.

He had served four years in the Air Force prior to his employment by the Mobil Oil Company of Omaha, owners of the transport which he was driving.

He is survived by his wife and by four children, Jacqueline Ann, Dale, Charles and Marilyn. A sister, Mrs. Georgia Ann Claborn lives in Omaha and a brother, Kenneth Petersen lives at Herman. Walter Petersen, of west of Blair, is a great-uncle of the deceased man. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen of Blair are the father and mother of Mrs. Petersen.

Funeral services will be held at Blair this (Monday) afternoon at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Atherton conducting the service. Burial will be made in the Blair cemetery under the direction of the Campbell Mortuary.

Services For Ruth Charlot Held Friday

7-15-68
Services for Ruth Elaine Charlot were held on Friday, July 12 at the Campbell Mortuary in Blair. Miss Charlot passed away at the age of 49 in the West Haven Rest Home at Geneva, Nebraska. She was born at Blair, Nebraska on November 15, 1918.

Rev. Richard Atherton officiated with burial in the Blair cemetery.

Miss Charlot is survived by one brother, Howard Charlot of Blair.

Michael Sonderup Died Thursday At Blair Hospital

P-7-24-68
Long-time Farmer Attend Dana College Many Years Ago

Michael T. Sonderup, long-time farmer of the Blair area, died last Thursday at Memorial Community Hospital. For the past year he had been a resident of the Good Shepherd Home and he had been in declining health for a number of months.

Michael Thomsen Sonderup was born March 7, 1895 at St. Paul, Nebraska but came to the Blair area many years ago. He was 73 years old at the time of his death.

For the past fifteen years he had owned and farmed a place just north of Dana College. In 1958 Mrs. Sonderup died but he continued to make his home on the farm.

He is survived by four sons, all of whom live in the Blair area. They are Merle, Harold, Delmar and Ray Sonderup. There are 13 grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Emma Rasmussen, lives at Carol Nebraska and another sister, Mrs. Esther Enevoldsen lives at Danebrog, Nebraska. There are a number of nieces and nephews.

There are 2 brothers, Chris of Fullerton and Henry of Wolbach, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Monday) at the First Lutheran Church with the Rev. George Pallesen conducting the service. Burial, under the direction of the Bendorf Funeral Home will be made in the Blair cemetery.

Services In Yankton Were Held Wednesday

E-7-11-68
Thelma Christenson, age 29, passed away Sunday, July 7 at Kansas City, Mo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Christenson of Blair, who survive her; also one sister, Gladys, and a brother, Keith.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Yankton, South Dakota, with burial in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Miss Christenson was an illustrator for the Hallmark Greeting Card Company in Kansas City.

FATHER OF BLAIR LADIES BURIED IN BENNINGTON

BT-7-1-68
Mr. Otto Behrendt of Bennington passed away at the Blair Community Memorial Hospital Wednesday, June 26th, where he had been confined for three months.

He was born August 31st, 1883 in Germany where he was confirmed and came to the United States at the age of 14 to make his home with an aunt who lived near Bennington.

Survivors besides his wife Meta, are three daughters, Mrs. Wayne Misfeldt (Elda) and Mrs. Richard Lamp (Roma) both of Blair and Mrs. Clarence Schneider (Ethel) of Bennington and a son, Art Behrendt of Omaha. Also eight grandchildren, four sisters and 2 brothers.

The Hadan-Golden Funeral Home at Bennington was in charge of arrangements and services were held in the Zion Lutheran Church near Bennington. Burial was in Flower Hill Cemetery.

FORMER BLAIR BUSINESS MAN DIES IN OMAHA

P-7-24-68
Elmer Jordan, age 68 years, 4538 N. 41st St., Omaha, Nebr. died June 16, 1968 at an Omaha hospital after a lingering illness. Mr. Jordan was formerly of Blair. At one time he and his son-in-law operated the North Side Store. He later worked for the Kelly Ryan Equipment Co. In 1951 they moved to Omaha.

He is survived by his wife Ada; a son Wendell of Rockford, Ill.; 2 daughters Mrs. Bonnie Dickes, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Beverly Johnson, Omaha; 17 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Brailey-Dorrance Funeral Home in Omaha. Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were three grandsons, Alan, Lawrence and Bruce Dickes of Des Moines, Iowa; Walter Lorsch of Blair; Mike Zemunski and John Walton of Omaha.

Sister of Chet Marshall Dies In Accident

E-7-11-68
Chet Marshall received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. John (Maude) Weir age 83 in Willets, California.

Dr. Weir and Mrs. Owen (Cora) Parrett were badly injured when their car went over a 60 ft. em-