

## **Ronald D. Weeden**

**1957 - 1969**

A 12-year-old Mt. Pleasant Township boy, Ronald Weeden, 12, was killed instantly shortly before 7:30 Friday evening, May 23, when a tractor on which he was riding overturned.

He suffered crushing head and chest injuries, according to Coroner Richard A. Wagner, who termed death accidental. No inquest is to be held.

The youth, a 5th grade student at Albany, was the son of Robert and Louise Weeden, and one of six children. The father works at Arn Implement in New Glarus, and the mother and a grandmother are employed at Monroe Manor Nursing Home here.

The family lives in the former Truax farm house, Mt. Pleasant Township, which they had purchased. The Weedens have lived there for eight years, coming to the area from LaFarge. The father had worked for the late Eugene Rechsteiner on the nearby farm, when first coming to the area.

The son, Ronald, was riding on a tractor driven by Gary Gill 14, son of Mrs. Darlene Gill, living in the same neighborhood. The boys had been more like brothers and enjoyed working and being with each other especially on Gary's uncle's farm. Last night, the boys were to have driven two tractors in hauling manure on the Nelson Malkow farm, the former Rechsteiner place. Ronald was on the back end of the tractor Gary was operating, with a bucket in front. The load may have been too heavy, or a turn was taken too short causing the tractor to tip on a sloping, damp field. Gary yelled at Ronald to jump. Gary was able to jump clear of the tractor and escape injury.

The Monticello Rescue Unit was called, and a doctor was on stand by at the hospital and also at the home, but the youth was killed instantly.

Ronald is survived by the parents; four brothers, Robert Jr., Ricky, Rodney, and Randy, and a sister, Susan and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Strait, who lives in her mobile home on the Weeden property.

Voegeli Funeral Service of Monticello is making the arrangements.