

Ronald W. Wirth

July 2, 1952 - April 12, 1970

Ronald W. Wirth, 17, High School Senior, Killed in Auto Crash

Funeral services for Ronald W. Wirth, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wirth, Monticello, who died in an auto accident in the early hours of Sunday, April 12, were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Washington Reformation church.

The Rev. Leo Duerson, church pastor, officiated, and interment was in Highland cemetery, Monticello. Pallbearers were Roger Stampfli, Monroe, Danny Baker, Paul Graber, Gordon Grosser, Gordon Svendsen, and Wayne Thoman.

The Wirth youth, who was alone in the car, was killed instantly when he apparently fell asleep and the vehicle careened off Highway 69, just a short distance south of Monticello. Green County Coroner Richard Wagner ruled the death accidental. Severe head injuries were fatal.

The Wirth youth's death was the second highway fatality in Green county for 1970.

Ronald W. Wirth was born on July 2, 1952, the son of John W. and Edna Streit Wirth. He had always lived with his parents on Washington township farms. An honor student at Monticello high school, he was a senior and would have graduated in June of this year.

Ronald was a member of the Washington Reformation church, Washington township. He is survived by his parents, five brother, John C, Monroe, David A. Wirth, Monticello, Duane, Steven and James, and one sister, Susan, all at home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Streit, Monroe, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. John Wirth, Sr., Monticello.