



# Chas. Book

~~May 20, 1954~~

## In Wreck

# At Kirkman

This is the car in which Charles Book was killed near Kirkman Tuesday evening. The car tipped over on its left side,

pinning him underneath, but had been put back on its wheels at the time the picture was taken. Damage to the car was not extensive.



CHARLES BOOK

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"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

— St. Matt. v 5

My Jesus have mercy on the soul of

CHARLES R. BOOK

Born December 11, 1932

Died March 27, 1956

At Rest - Harlan Cemetery  
Harlan, Iowa

O gentlest Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy Judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Some 563 deathless days on Shelby county's roads and highways ended Tuesday evening when Charles Raymond Book, 23, Harlan, was killed on a county road a half mile northwest of Kirkman.

Sheriff Orrell Gearhart could not determine definitely the cause of the accident. Book was going up a hill in his 1937 Chevrolet, and somehow lost control of it. The car turned over on its side in a ditch. Book was thrown out and pinned under the car, receiving a broken neck and crushed chest. He was killed instantly. Damage to the car was not extensive.

There was no witness to the accident. Bernard Schaben, who works on a farm nearby, discovered the wreck at 6:45 p. m. and called the sheriff.

Funeral services are to be held at Pauley's funeral home at 10 a. m. today (Friday), with the Rev. Fr. Leo Gannon of St. Michael's church officiating. Burial will be in the Harlan cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, and a son, Charles Russell, 2. His wife is expecting another child in June.

Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. Angeline Book, and a sister, Mrs. Victor Bird, Jr., both of Harlan, a sister, Mrs. William Borowiak of Ulm, Germany, where her husband is in the air force, and another sister, Mrs. Dennis Finken of Earling.

Charles was a graduate of Harlan high school with the class of 1950, and was in the army two years, serving 1½ years in Germany. He had been employed by the H & H service station, and just recently was employed to drive a truck hauling crushed limestone. It was thought that he had gone to see about delivering limestone on a farm near Kirkman when the accident happened.

The last fatal accident before this happened on September 11, 1954, a half-mile west of Portsmouth, when an Omaha man was killed in a sideswipe collision.