

Denison man dies after motorcycle leaves road

KIMBALLTON -- A 30-year-old Denison man was killed in a motorcycle accident just south of here last Wednesday afternoon, August 11.

Vincent D. Esbeck, formerly of Elk Horn, was taken to Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday suffering massive head injuries as a result of the accident.

He was pronounced dead a short time later.

Audubon County Sheriff's Officials said Esbeck was driving his 1981 Suzuki southbound on Highway 173 when it apparently veered off the road on a curve about one mile south of Kimballton. The motorcycle landed in the west ditch and Esbeck was thrown to the side, officials said.

Elk Horn Rescue was immediately called to the scene, and Esbeck was then rushed to the hospital in Harlan.

Officials from Audubon County are investigating the accident, and as of Monday morning, August 16, no cause for the accident had been determined. The Iowa Highway Patrol and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office also assisted at the scene.

Funeral services...

Services for Esbeck were held Sunday, August 15 at 3 p.m. at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with burial in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery.

Esbeck is survived by his daughter, Brandi Newman, of Omaha; three sisters -- Sharon Esbeck of Atlantic, Sandra (Dale) Wright of Atlantic and Lucinda (Richard) Keller of Elk Horn; a half sister, Paula Raven, of Omaha; a half brother, Randall Hansen, of Sterling, Colo.; his natural parents, Alan Poulin of Atlantic and Sherry Highsmith of Elk Horn; and his natural grandmother, Maxine Hansen, of Atlantic.

Esbeck was self-employed, operating a Lawn Care Service.