

Defiance man dies when semi rolls into ditch

KIRKMAN -- A 66-year-old Defiance man died from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident approximately three miles northwest of Kirkman Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 9.

Lee McLaughlin was pronounced dead at Myrtue Medical Center following the accident, Shelby County Sheriff reports said.

According to reports, the accident occurred at about 4:30 p.m. on Oak Road near its intersection with 1900th St.

McLaughlin was driving a 1996 Freightliner pulling a 1970 Butler trailer, reports said.



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The vehicle was pulling out of a farm drive headed eastbound on 1900th St., but due to the soft shoulder, the semi traveled into the south ditch and rolled onto its top.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Department was called to the accident scene, and Irwin Rescue transported McLaughlin to the hospital where he later died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Services are pending at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan.

Lee is survived by his wife, Marie, of Defiance; children Scott (Shawn) McLaughlin of Defiance, Mark (Christy) McLaughlin of Ankeny and Jay McLaughlin of Manning; six grandchildren; his mother, Emma McLaughlin, of Shelby; and sister Carolyn (Gary) Schmitz of Omaha.

For more information about services, contact Pauley Jones Funeral Home at 712-755-3135.