

# Car, cycle collide; Harlan man killed

Donald J. Trierweiler, 48, of Harlan faces charges of operating while intoxicated (OWI) and homicide by vehicle in connection with a car-motorcycle accident Sunday night that claimed the life of David J. Wingert of Harlan.

Wingert, 20, of 1308 16th St., died late Sunday evening of major multiple injuries received when the motorcycle he was operating collided with a car driven by Trierweiler, a resident of 3002-36 12th St.

The accident occurred at 10:09 p.m., 1 1/2 miles south of Harlan on Highway 59 near the entrance to the Country Care Center Corporation (formerly the Shelby County Care Facility).

Shelby County Deputy Sheriff John Kelly said the car driven by Trierweiler was southbound on U.S. Highway 59 when he attempted to make a left turn to enter the CCCC and entered the path of the Wingert motorcycle.

Investigators said it did not appear that Wingert was wearing a helmet.

He was taken by Life Flight Helicopter to St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE., where he died shortly after arrival.

Trierweiler was not injured. He was incarcerated overnight at the Shelby County Jail and appeared at a bond review hearing Monday afternoon at the Shelby County Courthouse.

Kelly said homicide by vehicle is a Class D felony carrying a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

Property damage estimates were placed at \$1,000 to the vehicle driven by Trierweiler, a '77 Oldsmobile owned by Mary Ann Ballantyne of Harlan; and \$2,500 to the '85 Honda motorcycle operated by Wingert.

Assisting in the investigation at the scene were Sheriff Gene Cavanaugh and Chief Deputy Mark Hervey of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department; Patrolmen Bill Bartelson and Mike Bratcher, and Sgt. Kevin Petty of the Harlan Police Department. Helping with traffic control were two members of the Harlan Police Department Explorers Post.

## FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services for Wingert will be at

10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Harlan St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Harlan Cemetery.

A wake service was scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday (June 14) at the Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan.

Surviving are his parents, Bill and Sandra Wingert of Harlan; a brother, Mark Wingert of Omaha, NE.; two sisters - Laura of Ames and Jackie at home; maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Helen Petsche of Harlan; and paternal grandfather, Isadore Wingert of Harlan.

Wingert was born Dec. 6, 1967 in Harlan. He attended Harlan St. Michael's School and was a 1986 graduate of Harlan Community High School.

He was employed at the Fareway Store in Harlan during school and after graduating from high school.

He was a member of Harlan Knights of Columbus Council No. 3900.



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## David J. Wingert, 20

HARLAN - David Joseph Wingert, son of William "Bill" and Sandra (Petsche) Wingert was born in Harlan on Dec. 6, 1967. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, NE on June 12, 1988, as a result of an automobile-motorcycle accident, at age 20 years, six months and six days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He attended St. Michael's School, graduating from Harlan Community High School class of 1986. He was employed by Fareway Food Store in Harlan during school and since graduation from high school.

Among his many activities included membership in St. Michael's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Harlan Council No. 3900.

Preceding him in death was his paternal grandmother, Stella Wingert in 1980. Survivors include his parents, Bill and Sandy Wingert of Harlan; a brother, Mark of Omaha; two sisters, Laura of Ames, and Jackie of Harlan; his maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Helen Petsche of Harlan; and his paternal grandfather, Isadore Wingert of Harlan and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated, June 15, 1988 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan, with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant. Concelebrating priests were Rev. LaVern Wingert and Rev. Richard Wagner.

Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Ed Goetzinger, Todd Parkhurst, Tony Goetz, Jay Bruck, Ron Grote and Craig Wigness serving as honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Bob Brue, Brian Ernest, Brett Larsen, Joey Hansen, Scott Peake and Lance Holtmeyer. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.