

Robert E. Wahl
Feb. 22, 1955 – March 27, 1974
Monticello teen dies in mishap

Robert E. Wahl, 19, son of Mr and Mrs. Myron E. Wahl, Rt. 1 Monticello, became Green County's first fatality early this morning when the car he was driving went off CT EE, just east of Monticello, .2 miles east of Pratt Rd.

County Coroner Richard Wagner ruled head injuries caused the death at the scene of the accident. The victim, who was alone, was not thrown from the car.

According to the Green Co Sheriff's Department, Wahl was eastbound at 1:56 a.m. on the county road and went on the left hand shoulder, then hit and broke off a guard post. The car then ran into a bridge railing and finally came to rest on the edge of the bridge.

The first of 12 Green County fatalities in 1973 occurred Feb. 1.

Robert Wahl was born Feb. 22, 1955, in Darlington, a son of Myron and Donna Jean Johnson Wahl. He was a 1973 graduate of Monticello High School and was employed at Minder & Durtschi Cheese Factory, Monticello.

He was an outstanding high school wrestler for the Monticello Ponies. In his senior year he was 8-0-1 in the State Line League duals and fourth in the league tournament at 155 pounds. He was president of his Junior class.

He was a member of St. Victor's Catholic Church of Monroe and of the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are his parents, with whom he lived; maternal grandmother, Mrs. William K Johnson, Wiota; paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. John Wahl, New Glarus; five brothers, Marcus, serving with the U.S. Air Force at Cheyenne, Wyo.; Michael, Monticello, and Thomas, David and Gerald, all at the parental home; three sisters, Melody, a student at UW-Platteville, and Robin and Patricia, both at home.

A sister, Debra, died in 1958.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 29, in St. Victor's Church, with Rev. Thomas Gillespie officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Argyle.

Friends may call at the Erickson Funeral Home, Argyle, Thursday afternoon and evening. Rosary service will be at 8 that night.