

Colo man dies in accident

Wife suffers serious injuries

A Colo man was killed in a two-vehicle accident last week near Mediapolis in Des Moines County.

Ray Cummings, 62, was killed Thursday Oct. 7, and his wife Ruth Cummings, 60, was seriously injured when they were involved in a head-on collision on Highway 61.

Michael Klatt, 39, of Davenport, was southbound on Highway 61 and was attempting to pass two semi trucks

on a curve in a no-passing zone when he struck the Cummingses' vehicle, which was northbound on the curve.

The Cummingses' vehicle spun into the east ditch, where it came to rest.

The Klatt vehicle came to rest in the middle of the road, where it caught fire. Witnesses pulled Klatt from his vehicle before it became engulfed in flames.

Ray Cummings was killed on impact. Ruth Cummings was taken to Burlington Medical Center, where she remains in the intensive care unit.

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Klatt was treated for minor injuries and is being held at the Burlington Medical Center for observation.

The accident is under investigation by the Iowa Highway Patrol and the Des Moines County Sheriff's Office. Charges are pending.

The Cummingses' 1987 Lincoln Town Car was a total loss, as was Klatt's 1990 Ford Bronco.

The Cummingses and Klatt were all wearing seat belts at the time of the collision.

Ray Cummings was a lifetime resident of Colo. He was employed in farming. Funeral services were held today at the United Methodist Church in Colo. Burial was at the Colo Cemetery.

(See full obituary on this page.)

Ray Cummings

Aug. 7, 1931, to Oct. 7, 1993

Ray Lloyd Cummings, 62, of Colo died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Burlington Medical Center, Burlington.

He was born in Colo to Thomas and Stella (Fish) Cummings. He married Ruth Stevenson on March 18, 1951, in Colo. He was a farmer and lived his entire lifetime in Colo. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two sons, Steve Cummings of Mediapolis and Ron Cummings of Colo; three daughters, Sharon Wilson of Colo, DeAnne Luke of Colo and Mary Eley of Zearing; one brother, Tom Cummings of Ames; one sister, Donna Webster of Colo; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ted; and two twin grandsons.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Colo with Pastor Jack O. Weida officiating. Burial followed in the Colo Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.