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## Auto Hits Horse, Driver Is Killed

### Manitowish Waters Man Dies in Crash

Eugene C. Hutter, 55, Manitowish Waters resort operator, was killed instantly at 6:55 Monday evening when the car he was driving collided with a horse on highway US-61 eight miles south of Hurley.

Iron County officers said Hutter's face and head were crushed when the roof of the car above the driver's seat was caved in by the weight of the horse which was thrown onto the roof by the force of the impact.

Hutter's wife, Lydia, who was riding beside him, escaped injury but suffered shock and was taken to Grand View Hospital for treatment. She was released from the hospital later in the evening. Hutter's death is the second traffic fatality in Iron County this year and the seventh in the area comprised of Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, Michigan, and Iron County, Wis.

According to the officers, Hutter was driving south on US-61 when the heavy draft horse apparently wandered out onto the highway from the west side of the road. They said indications are that the horse was near the center of the highway and walking toward the oncoming vehicle when it was struck by the left front fender of the car and thrown onto the roof above the driver.

Officers said the left front corner of the car's body, including the roof and the windshield, was caved in below the steering wheel. They reported that the car came to a stop in the east lane of the highway from 50 to 75 feet from the point of impact while the horse's body slid off the car near the west shoulder. The horse was killed by the crash.

The horse was owned by Victor Saarnio, a logger, who lives alongside the highway near the scene of the accident. Officers said Saarnio told them the horse apparently had wandered out of a farmyard one-fourth of a mile west of the highway where it had been pastured.

Iron County Coroner Kenneth Backlund of Hurley said no inquest will be held.

Mr. Hutter was born Oct. 11, 1906 at Schwabburg, Germany, and came to the United States and to Chicago with his parents in 1921. He was married to the former Lydia Aschle in Chicago on Nov. 8, 1933.

Since that Mr. and Mrs. Hutter had operated Hutter's Lakeview Resort on Manitowish Lake in Vilas County and they had been permanent residents of Manitowish Waters since 1953. He was a member of Minnesota Lodge 520 F&AM. He is survived only by his wife.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Thursday afternoon in the Community Church at Manitowish Waters with the Rev. Richard Lupton officiating. The remains will be cremated and interred in Germany.

The Charbonneau-Engstrom Funeral Home of Hurley is in charge of funeral arrangements.



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