

Burgess, Bruce d. 1946

Bruce Burgess, Age 2, Maxwell Boy Died Last Night 1946

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 5 — (INS) — A two-year old Maxwell, Ia., boy, suffering from double pneumonia, died in a Des Moines hospital late last night a few minutes after he had been rushed here by ambulance from Maxwell.

The child, Bruce Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burgess, had been ill several days, but his condition did not become critical until yesterday afternoon.

Dr. A. O. Clark of Maxwell, one of the attending physicians, said he telephoned from Maxwell to the Des Moines police department seeking aid after he had tried in vain at three hospitals in Des Moines to have the boy admitted.

Police arranged for his admission at Broadlawns General hospital and sent a traffic car to meet the ambulance at the city's outskirts and escort it to the hospital.

Attendants at the Maxwell funeral home from which the ambulance was obtained said the ambulance started from Maxwell about 8 p.m., on highway 210.

They said it was forced to turn back at Calamus Creek, about a mile and a half southwest of Maxwell, because the ice-jammed stream had flooded the road.

Delayed for a long period, the ambulance finally went east from Maxwell through Collins, down to highway 65 and thence into Des Moines.

The race against death also was hindered by fog over the highway, the attendants said.

Funeral Services Held at Maxwell For Burgess Baby 1946

Maxwell, Feb. 19 — Funeral services for little Bruce Burgess, 3, were held Thursday afternoon, February 7, at the Church of Christ with Rev. Stanley Mahannah officiating. Two hymns, "Under His Wings," and "Precious Jewels," were sung by Mrs. Ray Gooden with Mrs. H. C. Larsen accompanist at the piano.

Floral tributes were very beautiful, arranged and carried by Carol and Coral Robertson and Jacqueline Law.

Pall bearers were Billy Joe McIntyre, Richard Mohler, Harold Schauer, Jr., and Milton and Robert Hennick.

Bruce Roy Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burgess, was born at Collins, Sept. 18, 1942, and departed this life Feb. 4 at the Broadlawns hospital in Des Moines at the age of three years, six months and 14 days. He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents and one sister, Irma Jeane, one sister, Karen, having preceded him in death. Besides the relatives, he leaves a host of friends and little playmates, and will be greatly missed by all.