

LOOKING BACK

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Farm accident is fatal for Dale Russell **October 29, 1959 State Center Enterprise**

Dale Russell, 43, of Albion and a former resident of the State Center community, died about three o'clock Thursday afternoon when a mounted cornpicker (sic) overturned on him at the Martin Schaper farm, near State Center, where he was helping to pick corn. Mr. Russell was returning to the field with an empty wagon when the accident occurred. Mr. Russell appeared to drive his machinery over the side of the road into a ditch containing a little water.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at one-thirty p.m. from the chapel at Estel-Perrin Funeral Home in Marshalltown. The Rev. Bruno Wendlandt of Albion officiated. Interment was in Rosehill Memorial Gardens.

Born near Fairfax in Benton county, Nov. 8, 1915, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell. He lived and farmed in that area until coming to Marshall county in 1944 where he engaged in farming. Mr. Russell was graduated from Walford High school.

On March 26, 1949, he married Mrs. Christine May of near Marshalltown and since then had farmed in the State Center and Albion areas.

Mr. Russell was a member of the Albion Methodist Church and the Albion Community Club.

Surviving besides the widow is a son, Terry, and a daughter, Marlene, at home. Also a step-son, Jerry May, at home and a step-daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Eilers of Marshalltown. DeLyle Russell, a son by a former marriage, lives in Waterloo.

Other survivors include his parents of Traer, four sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Arden Olson, Route 3; Mrs. Ed Sanders, LaCross, Wis.; Mrs. Claude Donahoe and Mrs. Richard Prohoska, both of Cedar Rapids and Donald, William, Jack and Earl, all of Traer.

(Shirley's note: Although Dale had been a hired man of Martin's previous to this accident, Dale was working for someone else and the corn was being picked on a custom work basis. I chose to include this article because this last spring I had inquiries about the accident due to the family putting flowers on a post out at the farm as a tribute to Dale.)