

## **Redkey man dies in crash**

An 82-year old man was fatally injured in an accident Sunday afternoon in Randolph County after apparently becoming ill while driving.

Forest L. Lowry, 344 E. Grandview Ave., Redkey was northbound on Windsor Road when he approached the intersection at Ind. 32 located just south of Farmland. A passenger in 1999 Ford pickup truck, Leota Roberts, 78, same address as Lowry, told Randolph County police she realized he wasn't slowing down as he approached the stop sign. Roberts told police she yelled at Lowry but received no response, so she unfastened her seat belt and and switched off the ignition of the truck as it entered the intersection.

Lowry's truck was struck by An eastbound 2000 Ford pickup truck driven by Jason A. Baker, 28, 178 Champion St., Toledo, Ohio. Baker told police he saw the Lowry truck enter the intersection but could not avoid the collision. A passenger in Baker's truck, Denise L. Bales, 31, 303 E. Henry St., Farmland was also injured.

Lowry was taken by Randolph County Emergency Medical Service to St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, and was then flown by helicopter to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he was pronounced dead several hours after 1:25 p.m. crash.

Baker, Bales and Roberts were taken by Randolph County E.M.S. to Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie. Baker was released, but as of this morning, Bales and Roberts were patients at BMH.

An autopsy performed Monday in Fort Wayne determined that the injuries sustained in the accident were significant enough to be fatal.

Services for Lowry are Thursday at 2 p.m. at M.J.S. Mortuaries-Redkey Chapel, with burial following in Hillcrest Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Ridgeville American Legion Post 507.

Lowry was born in Ridgeville on May 10, 1921, to Orie and Mable (Champ) Lowry. He attended Redkey High School and was married Anna Lee Hudson, who survives.

A World War II veteran, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross Award and Air Medal Award for his service as a tailgunner.

After the war, he worked as a self-employed plumber and electrician and also worked for several years as water superintendent in Redkey. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 7081, Dunkirk, American Legion Post 507, Ridgeville, and Redkey Volunteer Fire Department.

Other survivors include a son, Edwin E. Lowry, Winchester; two daughters, Rebecca A. Wappes, Bluffton, and Cynthia A. Rinker, Redkey; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Visitation is Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorial may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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