

Highland Park Crash Kills Kokomoan

Rea Louis (Sonny) Cox Jr., 30, 126 W. Boulevard, was fatally injured early Thursday when the auto he was driving crashed into a tree on a road in Highland Park.

His death marked the second traffic fatality in Kokomo and the fifth in Howard County this year.

Howard County Coroner John Peacock said Cox suffered a

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broken neck and internal injuries. He was dead when authorities arrived at the scene.

A motorist driving through the park shortly after 3 a.m. found the car crossways in the road and he summoned police.

Investigating officers said they found Cox slumped over the steering wheel of his 1963 model convertible. The point was about 400 feet south of Defenbaugh Street—near the main east entrance to the city's largest park.

Tire tracks on the road indicated that the car had been southbound when it crashed into

a tree along the east side of the road.

Police said they have not been able to establish the exact time of the accident. They said that Cox was alone and that there were no witnesses.

Mrs. Cox told police she last saw her husband about 1:15 a.m., when he took her home after they had spent the evening with friends.

Cox was well-known here for his interest in and participation in athletics. He was a city doubles tennis champion in the late 1950s and was an avid backer of Kokomo High School athletic teams.

A former boys' director at the YMCA, he had also been a gymnasium instructor and referee there.

He was a 1952 graduate of Kokomo High School and a member of the Main Street Methodist Church and the Moose Lodge.

Born in Kokomo on Feb. 10, 1935, he was the son of Rea and Constance (Tennent) Cox Sr. He had lived in Kokomo all of his life. *18 Mar 1965*

In 1955, he was married to
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Funeral services for Rea Louis (Sonny) Cox, 30, 126 W. Boulevard, who was fatally injured early Thursday morning when the auto he was driving crashed into a tree on a road in Highland Park, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Ellers Funeral Chapel with the Rev. C. Raymond Earle officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens. *19 Mar 1965*

Friends may call at the funeral chapel at any time.

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Miss Sharon Wood, who survives. *18 Mar 1965*

A former employe of Stellite Division Union Carbide Corp., as a laboratory technician, he was a student at Kokomo Campus Indiana University at the time of his death.

Surviving with the parents and the widow are two sons, Rea L. III and Kenneth C., and a daughter, Leigh Ann, all at home; one sister, Mrs. Connie Hines, Kokomo; the maternal grandmother, Mrs. William Tenpent, Kokomo, and the paternal grandfather, Louis Cox, Richmond Mo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Ellers Mortuary.