

GRAHAM, CHARLES A.  
August 25, 1936-July 11, 1953

A sixteen-year old boy, Charles A. (Buddy) Graham, was instantly killed in a one-car accident 23 miles southwest of Laramie early last Sunday morning. Five young people were in the vehicle. The other four were all seriously injured, with one of them, Mary Dudley, 17, passing away Sunday evening at the Laramie hospital.

The deceased, the son of Mrs. Gladys Graham and the late Lewis Graham, was born in Wheatland August 25, 1936. He had lived in Laramie the past five years where he would have been a junior in high school at the Laramie high school this fall.

Buddy had been employed in Wheatland this summer on the Murray Cooley farm near Wheatland, and had gone to Laramie Saturday evening to be on hand for the rodeo last Sunday.

According to Lt. Neil Boyd, highway patrolman, who investigated the accident, the 1953 Chevrolet car driven by Andy Martz of Laramie, apparently missed a curve on the Woods Landing road and plowed 400 feet along a borrow pit, when the car came to a wash, and jumped 30 feet across the wash, striking the bank on the opposite side. The Dudley girl and Graham, sitting in the front seat, were thrown through the windshield. Dale Beck and Bert Martz, sitting in the back seat, were crushed against the front seats.

Funeral services for the young man were held this afternoon, Thursday, at two o'clock in the Schrader chapel with Rev. C.A. Thomas and Rev. Lester Mengel of the Baptist church in charge of the rites. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Walker, Walter Tupper, Stanley Wille, and Everett Kirkhart, all of Laramie and Benny Cohen and Roy Graham of Wheatland.

Left to mourn his passing are his mother, Mrs. Gladys Graham; two sisters, Norma and Sharon, and one brother, Edwin, all of Laramie. There also survive his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Graham and Charles Hightower of Wheatland.