

[James, Mary Lou White]

Services for Mrs. James Held; Speed Seen as Accident Factor

East Bloomfield—Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. May Lou White James, 23, mother of three children, who suffered fatal injuries early Saturday morning when the car in which she was riding careened from the Bloomfield-Ionia highway and overturned.

The services were held at the Wheeler funeral home in East Bloomfield with the Rev. Lewis Scott, pastor of the Bristol Universalist church, officiating. Interment was in East Bloomfield cemetery.

Deputy Sheriff Leonard Richmond and County Detective Anthony Cecere who investigated the accident, said that the young mother, riding with her husband, Charles James, was bound for Mendon at the time of the crash. Police officials said that the investigation into the accident was continuing, to determine how importantly the speed with which Mr. James was alleged to be operating his car entered into the cause of the accident. They refused to confirm reports that a warrant might be sought for Mr. James.

Police reports show that Mrs. James was thrown from the car when it overturned. Moments after the James car swerved from the road and overturned, a car driven by Earl LaVerne Steele collided with the wrecked car. Neither Mr. Steele nor Mr. James suffered serious injuries.

Besides her husband, Mrs. James leaves two daughters, Charlotte, 5, and Deborah, 11 months; one son, Charles Jr., 3; her parents, Mrs. Mary Merz of Rochester and Irwin White, Syracuse; a sister, Betty White, of Hilton; three brothers, David, of Idaho, Irwin, Jr., of Spencerport and William, in New Jersey; also five step-sisters.

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