

[Snyder, Carl W.]

Troopers Pushing Fatal Crash Probe

Oneonta—State police are stepping up their investigation of a crash early Sunday morning which has claimed the life of an Oneonta auto mechanic.

Carl W. Snyder, 24, of 11½ Gilbert Street, one of four persons who were injured, died early yesterday at Fox Memorial Hospital.

He had been listed in critical condition since the crash in Route 23, about 1½ miles west of Davenport, at 2 a.m. last Sunday.

In charge of the initial investigation was Trooper Andrew J. Liddle of the State Police Accident Investigation Unit.

He said yesterday he is being joined in the investigation by BCI Investigator Kurt M. Gunther, also of the Oneonta substation.

The convertible driven by Mr. Snyder was torn to pieces in the spectacular two-car crash in Delaware County.

State police said he and his passenger, Bruce Baker, 24, of Maryland RD 2, were thrown from the catapulting vehicle.

John E. McMullen, 22, of Schenevus RD 2, driver of the other car, and his companion, Miss Susan Pindar, 17, of Fergusonville, were less seriously hurt.

Mr. Baker and Miss Pindar were released after treatment at Fox Hospital. Mr. McMullen reportedly was not hospitalized.

State police said the impact extensively damaged a 1963 convertible driven by Mr. McMullen, who reportedly was returning from a drive-in movie with Miss Pindar.

The 1958 Snyder car left the road, went down an embankment, overturned, struck and shattered a utility pole, bounded off, rammed a concrete culvert and came to rest between old Route 23 and the new Route 23, troopers said.

In the process, the convertible was ripped to pieces, with parts of the car, both large and small, scattered over a wide area, they said.

Mr. Snyder was described as an auto mechanic employed at Molinari Motors in East End.

A native of Schenectady, he was born Aug. 14, 1941, son of Alfred C. and Mildred (Apsey) Snyder. He married Marion Roe May 3, 1963, in Milford.

Surviving are his wife, at home; his father, who lives in Moscow, Pa.; his mother, Mrs. Mildred Barrett, Eau Gallie, Fla.; his stepmother, Mrs. Ralph Salluce, Oneonta; a stepbrother, Richard C. Snyder, in the U.S. Marine Corps; a sister, Mrs. Patricia Basola, Erwin, Tex.; a grandmother, Mrs. Grace Snyder, 11 Gilbert Street, Oneonta, and aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Bookhout Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Edwin Price of Arnold's Lake, pastor emeritus of Chapin Memorial Universalist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Oneonta Plains Cemetery.

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