

Funeral service today for county man who died in single car crash April 2

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The funeral for Russell L. Harrod, 74, Scottsburg, who died after being involved in a single car crash on April 2 in northern Clark County, will be held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at the Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin.

Harrod was dead at the scene of the crash, which occurred around 5:30 p.m. that Saturday off U.S. Highway 31 about 750 feet north of Beagle Club Road. Deputies with the Clark County Sheriff's Department investigated the mishap.

Deputy L. Pavey's report on the accident indicated that Harrod was driving his 2006 Ford Taurus north on U.S. 31 with his wife, Dianne Harrod, 72, and the couple's ten-year-old grandson, Clayton Harrod, as passengers.

A witness, who had been driving ahead of the Harrods, said he looked back in his rearview mirror and saw the Taurus suddenly veer to the left. When he saw what happened, Chris Conder of Scottsburg stopped and ran back to the accident site.

The car first struck a wooden fence and then continued on, hitting a tree. That impact caused the car to flip and land on its top, trapping the Harrods inside.

An off-duty EMT, Derek Hall of Clarksville, who had been behind the Harrods, stopped to render aid. He said the boy crawled out of car, but Dianne Harrod was unconscious and her husband was dead.

Henryville volunteer firemen freed Mrs. Harrod and the body of her husband from the wreckage by using the Jaws of Life. Because extremely windy conditions prevented the use of a medical helicopter, the injured woman was transported by ambulance to University of Louisville Hospital. Clayton Harrod was diagnosed with a broken leg. He was transported by ambulance to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville.

Both Mrs. Harrod and the boy are recuperating from their injuries. Russell Harrod's body was

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taken to the Louisville Medical Examiner's Office. Detective Chris Proctor of the Clark County Sheriff's Department reported that Harrod may have suffered a medical emergency, while driving. The officer said he learned from talking with other family members that Harrod had been having heart problems.

Harrod was born in Deputy and was a retired employee of Cummins Engine Company.

Burial will be in New Providence Cemetery near Austin. On-line condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bunchanafuneralhome.net.