

Ex-Ranger Man Killed in Collision

RANGER (RNS) — David Crockett Woods III, 42, a resident of Wichita Falls since 1949 and formerly of Ranger, was killed about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and three men were seriously injured in a pickup-car collision on FM 61, 15 miles north of Graham.

Woods was pronounced dead on arrival at Graham Hospital. He was the only occupant of the 1950 Mercury.

William Frank Brown, driver of the pickup, and his two sons, William, 24, and Gordon, 21, were all in Olney - Hamilton Hospital in "serious" condition.

Highway Patrolman J.C. Brown said that the three hospitalized men were suffering from concussions and lacerations, but were "not critical."

Brown said that apparently Woods lost control of his car on a curve of the rain-slick highway, skidded broadside down the road and was struck on the driver's side by the northbound pickup.

Born Sept. 27, 1919, in Ranger, Woods was married to Loraine White Caudle July 18, 1949, in Henrietta. He was a truck driver for C.C. Pitts Sand and Gravel Co. of Wichita Falls for the past two years.

Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in the First Methodist Church of Ranger with the Rev. B. L. McCord, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Alameda Cemetery directed by Killingsworth Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, David C. Woods IV of Pasadena and Alvin Dean Woods of Wichita Falls; one stepson, Jimmy R. Caudle of Wichita Falls; one stepdaughter, Lura A. Caudle of Wichita Falls; his father, David C. Woods II of Ranger; one grandson, David C. Woods V; three brothers, Edward Lee Woods, address unknown, Noel Woods of Wichita Falls and Alvin of Spearman; two sisters, Mrs. Q.M. Owen of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Carl Caudle of Odessa.

Pallbearers will be Curtis Blackwell, Ralph Veal, Reed Campbell, Calvin Ainsworth, H.G. Adams Jr., Pete Keener, Jack Blackwell and James Ratliff.