Newton Thorne Loses Life In Car Crash Sunday

The body of 4/7 year old Newton William Thorne was found in his wrecked automobile two miles west of Guernsey Sunday, March 5, 1972 on U. S. 26, about 1:00 p. m.

According to investigating patrolman Ritterbush, Thorne was killed in the one-car crash which occured Saturday, when the vehicle that he was driving apparently went out of control and went off the road on the right side, then coming back across the highway, the car went over a concrete abutment into a cattle underpass. He was apparently killed instantly and the wreck was estimated to have happened at approximately 7:00 p. m.

A resident of Wheatland for 3 years, Mr. Thorne was born May 30, 1924 in Mills. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Navy. At the time of his death, he was employed at Bob's Standard in Guernsey as a service station attendant.

He was married to Zella M. Haynes June 3, 1965 in Guernsey.

Survivors include his wife Zella of Wheatland; three sons, Newton Thorne, Cheyenne, Robert Thorne, Beeville, Texas and William Gilbert, Whtld.; two daughters, Mrs. Diana L. Kay, Gering, Neb., and Mrs. Sharon Salas, Cheyenne; two step-sons, Phil Boyles, Vernal, Utah and Darald Haynes, Denver, Colo.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Leota Caldwell, Guernsey; his mother, Mrs Inez Caywood, Casper; one sister, Mrs. Starla Ginn, Casper; one grandchild and four stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd Thorne on January 7, 1972.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 7, 1972 at 2:00 p. m. at the Schrader Chapel with the Rev. J. Douglas Neumann officiating. Interment was at the Wheatland Cemetery with Military Honors at the graveside. Pallbearers were Robert Johnson, Delbert Haynes, William Wilson, Laurence Woodcock, C. W. McFarland and James Caldwell.