



Nikki Powell

Nikki Powell dies in riding mishap

The flying hooves of race horses fatally injured a Burlington youth at Kahoka, Mo., Friday.

He was Nikki Lee Powell, 17, who fell from his horse during the three-quarter-mile run at the Clark County Fair.

The accident happened about 3:40 p.m.

The youth was taken to St. Joseph hospital, Keokuk, then transferred to University hospitals, Iowa City, where he died at 8 p.m.

The youth was riding a horse named Hippie Music, owned by Charles Manes of Burlington. The race was the last of the day and the accident happened shortly after it started, as the horses were about a quarter of a mile from the starting gate. There were eight horses in the race.

Fair officials said that the saddle girth apparently broke. The horse somehow suffered a cut on the chest, they reported.

Young Powell was trampled by his own horse as well as by others. Officials said that death was due to head injuries.

Two nurses, Mrs. Sue Murphy and Mrs. Stacia Weigand, both of Kahoka, accompanied the ambulance taking the youth to the hospital and administered oxygen to him.

He was also accompanied by his grandfather, Henry Clay Miller, 2120 Washington street; he had been reared by Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Show Cancelled

Nikki Powell was prominent in the activities of both Des Moines County Riding club and Blackhawk Saddle club. Out of respect to him, the latter club cancelled a horse show scheduled for today.

He was the son of Chester R. Powell, Hampton, Ill., and Mrs. Barbara Donzall, Chicago, and was born April 21, 1954, in Burlington.

He was a member of the Oakville United Methodist church and the 4-H club as well as other riding clubs.

Surviving: The grandparents and parents; two brothers and two sisters: Rikki Alan, William Clay, and Nikki Lynn Powell, all of Burlington, and Mrs. Vikki Eagen of West Burlington, and grandmother Mrs. Rosa Powell of Burlington.

Funeral: Prugh's Chapel at 10 a.m. Monday, Rev. Henry T. Hackman. Graveside services will be held in the IOOF cemetery at Hurdland, Mo., at 2:30 p.m. Monday.