

Murder victim husband of Decker woman

Robert J. Brauer, the Ferris State College associate professor of accounting, shot dead in his classroom March 26, was married to a Decker woman.

He and Kathy J. Milligan were married Aug. 26, 1978, at the Decker United Methodist church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Margaret Milligan of Moriarity Road, Decker.

A student of Brauer's, Thomas D. Kakonis, 20, has been charged with the slaying. He so far has not been found by a judge to be competent to go through normal court proceedings and is being held for psychiatric testing.

The victim and his wife lived in Big Rapids, where she was also employed at Ferris State, as a secretary in the office administration department.

Their future plans were to attend Texas Tech University, where he would obtain his doctorate degree in accounting.

He was born Sept. 25, 1945, in Baltimore.

He had been at Ferris since September, 1976, having been previously employed by the Baltimore Public Schools and from 1968-74, at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

Brauer received his BA degree in mathematics in

1967 from John Hopkins University, Baltimore, and a master's degree in education from there in 1970, graduating as a Phi Beta Kappa.

He received a master's degree in business administration in 1975 from Morgan State University, Baltimore, graduating with a 4.0 average.

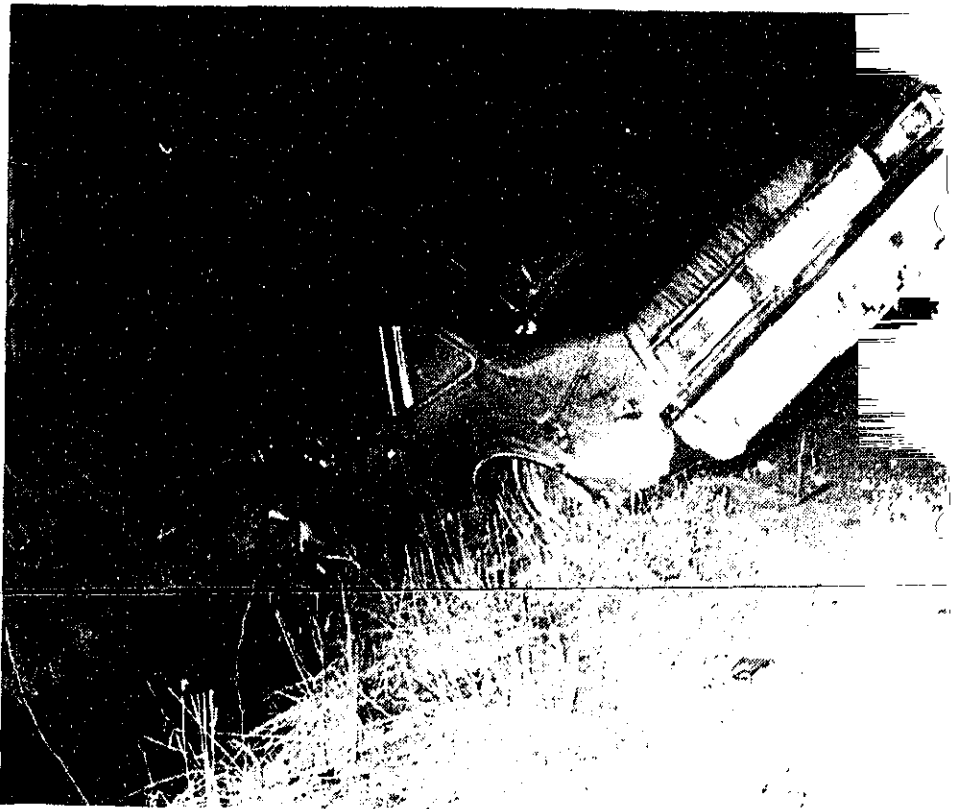
He was also a licensed certified public accountant in Maryland and a chartered life underwriter.

Brauer is survived by his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Brauer, and his brother, Oliver W. Brauer II, all of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 29, at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home, Big Rapids, with Rev. John Tatgenhorst of the Decker United Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Highland View cemetery, Big Rapids.

A Robert J. Brauer Memorial Award will be established at Ferris in memory of the accounting professor, to be presented to an accounting major with high scholastic achievement.

Mrs. Brauer has requested that contributions be sent to the memorial fund in care of Robert Leach, FSC Development Office, 205 West Building, Big Rapids 49307.



THREE INJURED -- This accident on Deckerville Road, west of Deford, sent three persons to Caro Community Hospital for treatment Friday night, the driver of the pickup (left), Michael Sagash, and two passengers in the car, Bradley and Troy Kelly.

One killed, several injured in auto crashes during week

Janet L. Decoe, 34, of rural Vassar, was killed last Wednesday in an accident west of Millington. Sheriff's deputies reported

she was northbound on Bel-say Road when her car went off the west side and slammed into a tree. She was dead at the scene.

Because of the absence of skid marks, officers speculate Mrs. Decoe fell asleep at the wheel. The accident occurred at 9:49 p.m.

Upon impact, her car burst into flames, which were extinguished by Otisville police officer Marion Hatchett, the first law officer at the scene.

Mrs. Decoe was the fifth person to die in a Tuscola county traffic accident this year, compared to four as of this date a year ago.

sending both vehicles into the north side ditch.

Owner of the abandoned car, officers later discovered, was Selma Schwartz of 6242 River Road, Cass City.

At 7:20 p.m. Friday, Ronald L. Hudson, 25, of 5297 Kelly Road, Cass City, was eastbound on Kelly, east of Phillips Road, when his car struck a deer.

At 11 p.m. Sunday, Harley L. Morell, 47, of 5721 Ross-

man Road, Kingston, was southbound on Cemetery Road, north of Shabbona Road, when his auto collided with a deer.

Arthur T. Brown, 54, of N. Jacob Road, Cass City, was westbound on M-81, east of Crane Road, at 9:23 a.m. Monday when his vehicle struck a deer.

Sheriff's deputies investigated all three car-deer mishaps.

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Cass City H.S. top students

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active in their choir and youth group activities.

Linda plans to further her interest in music through study at the Detroit Bible College, Farmington Hills.

Kenneth Martin Jr. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin Sr., 4180 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City.

He participated in numerous activities including National Honor Society, Student Council, and Varsity Club. He has also received varsity letters in football, baseball, and basketball, and was captain of the football team this year. He is an active member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran church.

Upon graduation, Ken plans to work with his father in the electrical field, while receiving training in business administration.

Other students with a grade point average of 3.0 or better, recognized as honor students, are:

Les Auten, Sherry Bader, Robert Clarke, Steve Corcoran, Renee Erla, Anne Esau, Tim Fahrner, Randy Ferris, Larry Fisher, Mark Guinther, Libby Hartel, Lauri Hartsell, Julie Helwig, Susan Hendrick, Teresa Hewitt, Jane Hobart, Rebecca Hobart, Linda Holdburg.

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OTHER ACCIDENTS

Three persons were treated and released from Caro Community Hospital following a 9:50 p.m. accident Friday on Deckerville Road, east of Dodge Road. (See photographs).

They were Bradley Kelly, 11, and his brother Troy, 1, passengers in a car driven by their father, Todd C. Kelly, 32, of 7676 Gilbert Road, Cass City. The two other passengers, his wife, Ruth Ann, and another child, Rachelle, 8, were unhurt.

Also injured was the other driver, Michael M. Sagash, 24, of Gilford Road, Caro. Deputies reported Kelly was eastbound on Deckerville and started to drive around an abandoned vehicle parked along the south edge of the road, protruding part way into the eastbound lane.

In driving around the car, his auto collided with the westbound pickup of Sagash,

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corporation and his wife, Kathy, is secretary-treasurer. The couple has two children.

Roy is a member of the Cass City Lions. He has served as a member of the Elkland Township Fire Department for 8 years. He is a member of the Salem United Methodist church of Cass City.



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