

Hendrick Verkuyl, Springdale Killed By Truck-Train Crash

The residents of the newly named Springdale area, Holland Marsh, were deeply shocked and saddened by the death of one of their highly esteemed young men, Hendrick Verkuyl, 24, on Thursday last, as the result of a level crossing accident near Fenwick, Lincoln County.

The Verkuyl family emigrated to Canada from Holland in the summer of 1948 and were employed by Harry Verkaik. Six months later, Hendrick, after being discharged by the Dutch army in Indonesia where he had served for three years and suffered wounds, joined the family here. He had been employed as a truck driver for Mr. Verkaik, but last fall took winter employment with the Holiday Building Materials in Burlington. He was driving his last load for this company to Fort Erie, planning to return to his family and friends here for Easter and to the employ of Mr. Verkaik, when the fatality occurred.

The accident was at a level crossing of T.H. & B., near Fenwick. Mr. Verkuyl was instantly killed and the truck and load completely wrecked.

Since coming to the Marsh and Springdale, Hendrick Verkuyl had made many friends, especially among the young people of the Christian Reformed Church at Ansnorveld and the Y.P.S. of Springdale. He was a member of the church by baptism.

Of a pleasing and cheerful disposition he will long be remembered among his friends. To his sorrowing parents in the loss of their eldest son, and to the brothers and sisters, the sincere sympathy of the community is extended.

The funeral was held from Christian Reformed Church, Ansnorveld, Monday afternoon, with interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.