



Mrs. Bares Sen. Bares
State couple die in collision

Sen. Bares, Wife and Baby Killed in Indiana Crash

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LOOGOOTEE, Ind. — A Minnesota state senator, his young wife and their infant daughter were killed Monday morning when their car skidded on a wet highway near here and crashed into a semitrailer truck.

Found dead in the wreckage of their car were Sen. Raymond Bares, 35, a freshman Liberal from Sauk Rapids; his wife, Aileen, 22, and their only child, Maria Sharon, 14 months.

An Indiana state trooper, Jarvis Crays, called the accident "one of the worst I've seen in 12 years" of patrolling highways.

The infant's body, wrapped in a blanket, was not discovered for 15 minutes, Crays said. A witness told him the car "literally disintegrated on impact."

The tractor part of the truck was knocked loose from the trailer and came to rest on top of the car in a ditch on the right side of Hwy. 150, 2½ miles east of this southwest Indiana community.

In Bares' wallet police found two tickets to the New York World's Fair. His mother, Mrs. John Bares, St. Cloud, Minn., said the family left

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Sauk Rapids Friday morning and spent two days visiting friends in St. Louis, Mo. They also planned to visit the fair and Washington, D.C., where Bares attended school, before returning home in two weeks, she said.

The truck driver, Max Fisher, 45, Plainville, Ind., told police the accident happened so suddenly he didn't have time to apply his brakes. He was westbound when the accident occurred on a hill and curve on the two-lane highway at 10:05 a.m. Fisher was not injured.

A St. Cloud native, Bares attended Technical High School there and St. Cloud State College. He graduated magna cum laude from Catholic University in Washington with a master's degree in social work.

He was supervisor of the counseling department of Catholic Charities in St. Cloud. For three years he was an elementary school teacher and principal.

IN 1959 he was named St. Cloud's outstanding young man by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. N

He was elected to the state Senate in 1962, representing the 27th District, which includes Benton County and parts of Stearns and Sherburne Counties.

He was one of the most outspoken freshmen in the senate, arguing with educators who favored a fifth year of college for teachers. He also introduced a bill to raise the minimum age for marriage from 15 to 17 for girls and from 16 to 18 for boys.

LAST YEAR he sent letters to welfare boards in all Minnesota counties explaining his opposition to an employer-backed unemployment compensation bill.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud, with burial at Minden, Minn.

Gov. Karl Rolvaag said Bares "demonstrated a deep understanding of the complex problems that face our people and because of this understanding he devoted all his energies . . . to correcting inequities and to helping create a better state with opportunity for all.

"This terrible highway accident has cost the state and Sauk Rapids one of its finest and most respected families."

Rolvaag is expected to order a special election to fill Bares' seat. It would coincide

with the November general election, following a September primary.

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