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Mrs. Ethel Petri

The highway death of Mrs. Ethel Petri, 73-year-old Minneapolis woman, who was killed last Wednesday forenoon in a car-truck collision at the intersection of highways No. 37 and U. S. 12, north of the city limits, became Brown County's 10th traffic fatality.

Mrs. Petri died at the scene after she was thrown out of her car and crushed under the wheels of the cattle truck, loaded with 85 calves. She was traveling south on S. D. 37 and the truck was going east on U. S. 12 when the two collided in the intersection.

Neither the truck driver, Roy Kopp, 31, Inver Grove, Minn., nor his passenger, Fred Kopp, 22, St. Paul, Minn., were injured. After the impact the trailer portion of the truck rolled over and the calves were set free. Two were killed in the accident.

Mrs. Petri, who was alone in the car, made frequent trips to this city, to look after her real estate interests in this vicinity.

Preliminary arrangements for the deceased woman were handled by the Paetznick Funeral Home. The remains were taken to Minneapolis, where funeral services were conducted from the Werness Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Petri, daughter of a prominent former Groton family, had lived in Groton as a child. Her father, F. G. Brooberg, owned a general store, a lumber yard and considerable land in this vicinity. The family moved from this city to Minneapolis in the early 1900s.

Mrs. Petri, who was born August 5, 1885, was married to Carl E. Petri of Minneapolis. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bert E. Moritz, Jr., Houston, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. Hugh Ruddy, Minneapolis.