

Birth: unknown
Death: Dec. 13, 1962
Hutchinson
Reno County
Kansas, USA

Family links:

Parents:

Ervin E. Rank (1921 - 2004)
Fannie Emmaline Golden Rank (____ - 2004)

Burial:

[Fairlawn Burial Park](#)

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Hutchinson Youth Is Killed When His Car Falls off Jack

Ervin Dean Rank, 19, 1209 Prairie, described as a "very hard working boy," was killed late Thursday afternoon while working beneath his car in the family garage.

Dr. G. A. Chickering, county coroner, said the youth died of suffocation after the 3,400-pound 1958 model car slipped off a bumper jack and came crashing to the garage floor.

"He was pinned in such a way that he couldn't breathe," said Chickering. No autopsy is planned, he said.

Young Rank was found by his father, Ervin, and a friend of the family, Kenneth K. Kerns, 33, of Salida, Colo.

A 1961 graduate of Hutchinson High School who worked up from a carry-out boy to assistant manager of the Mammel's Food Market, B and Washington, the youth was attempting to install a gas tank. He was home on his lunch hour.

His mother had picked him up at the store about 2:15 p.m. When he arrived home, he changed his clothes and went into the garage behind the home.

"He had been in there for quite a while and my wife started worrying," said the elder Rank. "She didn't hear any banging or any kind of noise."

"I ran out there with my shoes off. When I opened the garage door, I walked to the back and saw his feet sticking out. I knew something was wrong," he said. Rank had discovered the accident about 2:15 p.m.



Ervin Dean Rank

Rank and Kerns jacked up the car and slid the youth's body out from beneath the rear right side of the car. The youth had been on his stomach on a sheet of cardboard.

"He didn't even break his glasses," Rank said.

City firemen tried to revive the youth with a resuscitator.

He is survived by his parents and a brother, Randy, of the home, a sister, Mrs. Marshall White, 910 Lincoln, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rank, Abbeville, and Mrs. Charles Neese, 913 North Hayes.

Funeral will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Johnson and Sons Chapel, with Rev. Ralph F. Holland officiating. Burial in Fairlawn Cemetery.

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