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Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Stein—

Manning couple killed

DEFIANCE — A Manning couple died and an Atlantic man was injured Sunday afternoon in a two-car accident a mile north of here on U.S. 59.

Killed were Zita D. Stein, 62, Manning, and her husband, Joseph W. Stein, 64. Mrs Stein died at Manning Hospital a short time after the accident, while Mr Stein died Tuesday morning in University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.

According to Trooper LaVern Holtmyer, the Stein car was northbound on U. S. 59 about 3:40 p.m., when it was struck head-on by a car driven by William F. Hafele, 83, Atlantic. Hafele apparently had pulled out into the oncoming lane to pass two farm tractors pulling wagons.

Hafele suffered head injuries and is in critical condition at Manning General Hospital. Both the Steins' 1978 Chevrolet and Hafele's 1970 Chevrolet were "totaled" in the mishap.

ON FIRE

A nearby farmer who

arrived on the scene immediately, Erv Pauley, said the Stein car was on fire when he arrived and he used his auto extinguisher to put out the flames.

Holtmyer said there were no skid marks, possibly indicating that Hafele did not see the Stein car before the collision. He also said the roadway was flat at the scene of the accident and it appeared there was a relatively short distance between the point Hafele pulled into the oncoming lane and the point of the collision.

Hafele was cited for failure to yield one-half of the roadway.

Ambulances from Earling and Harlan responded to the scene. Holtmyer was assisted in the investigation by Trooper Conrad Knickman of Dunlap and Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy Gene Cavenaugh.

SERVICES

Services for the Steins will be today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manning, with burial in

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Templeton. Rosary services will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. in Ohde Funeral Home, Manning.

Surviving Mr Stein are his mother, Anna Stein of Manning; five sons, William of Underwood, Robert and Lee of Omaha, Jon of Moorhead, Minn., and Lynn of Manning; and six grandchildren. In addition, Mrs Stein is survived by three brothers, Gilbert Hinners of Milwaukee and Art and Roman Hinners of Halbur; and three sisters, Sr. Winifred of LaCrosse, Wis., Collette Bock of Carroll, and Gunilda Hinners of Halbur.

Mr Stein operated a barber shop in Manning for many years and worked as a salesman for Manning Motor Co.

The Stein deaths were the fourth and fifth traffic fatalities in Shelby County during 1978. Other fatalities were Russell (Rusty) Olsen, May 21, Harlan; Lorraine Bruck, Sept. 9, Harlan; and Jack Schaben, Sept. 10, near Earling.