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Two car crash Tuesday afternoon in Starke City on SR 23, north of Washington Township Elementary, resulted in the death of local resident Ewell Ward, 70, and Mildred Norman Ryder, 71, who is better known nationally as the Peace Pilgrim. Ward was hit head on by the other vehicle on S. R. 23, a half mile north of 75N. She sustained a broken neck and a crushed chest. Ward died of a frontal skull fracture, crushed vertebrae and fractured jaw bones.

The men to the left of the cars are lifting one of the dead bodies, which is covered, onto a stretcher. Norman was a traveling evangelist known as the "Peace Pilgrim" who said she had traveled 25,000 miles on foot preaching about peace to churches, colleges, high schools and civic clubs during the past 28 years. Norman had just come to Knox on Monday. Ward had been a driver for the Starke County Senior Citizens bus. Also, he was a member of the Knox Masonic Lodge.

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## Knox Man And Traveling Evangelist Killed

KNOX-The travels of the Peace Pilgrim, whose journeys have taken her across the United States seven times, ended here Tuesday when she and local resident Ewell Ward, 70, were killed in a two-car collision. Mildred Norman Ryder, 71, who is better known nationally as the Peace Pilgrim, was instantly killed when the she was a passenger in which was driven by Ward was hit head on by the other vehicle on S. R. 23, a half mile north of 75N. She sustained a broken neck and a crushed chest. Ward died of a frontal skull fracture, crushed vertebrae and fractured jaw bones.

The driver of the other car, Dana McPheron, RR 2, Knox, was taken to Starke Memorial Hospital where she was treated for multiple abrasions and contusions. She is in satisfactory condition.

McPheron told police she was southbound on S.R. 23 when she realized she was on the wrong side of the highway after exiting a narrow bridge. She told Starke County police officer Chat Fletcher that she tried to move back to the southbound lane when she oversteered the vehicle she was driving and found herself headed for a mail box.

The Knox woman lost control of the vehicle at that point and crossed back into the north bound lane where she collided into a car driven by Ward:

The Peace Pilgrim, who has traveled through out the United States and the ten provinces of Canada, was visiting the Ward family at the time of the accident.

Ryder, who began her journeys in 1953, walked across the the United States seven times, preaching her word of peace at colleges, churches, high schools and civic clubs. The pilgrim, who wore a blue tunic which had large white letters that read

"Peace Pilgrim" and "25,000 Miles On Foot For Peace" had originally planned to walk 25,000 but once she accomplished that in 1953 she continued with her travels.

The evangelist went through out the country and Canada preaching the way to peace was to "overcome evil with good, and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love. The Golden Rule would do as well."

Masonic services for Ward, a Knox Masonic Lodge member and Starke County Senior Citizens bus driver, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. Services still pending for Mrs. Ryder.