

## **NORMAN BAIER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY**

Tragedy struck a heavy blow to another Stockton home Sunday morning when Norman Lee Baier, 26, passed away from head injuries received in a two-car accident only a few hours before.

The collision occurred on Illinois 73, one mile south of Winslow, when he unavoidably rammed into another car parked over a hill in the center of the road and with no lights, according to two witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holloway of Winslow. They stated they blinked their lights when they saw the Baier car coming and tried to stop him before the collision occurred. Roger T. Russell of McConnell was the other driver.

Deputies indicated that after the impact, it appeared the Russell car traveled in a semi-circle path backwards for 74 feet. Baier's car traveled 242 feet after the collision, rolled over approximately 141 feet from the collision site where Norman was thrown from the car. The vehicle then continued skidding on its top for 101 feet.

After stopping, the car caught fire and the Winslow fire department was called. Investigation is still going on. Both cars were complete wrecks.

Russell, taken to Memorial hospital, sustained head injuries, a possible fractured pelvis and multiple lacerations. He is reported in satisfactory condition.

### **A Memorial for Norman**

Norman Lee Baier was born at Freeport on June 13, 1939. He was the only son of Harold E. and Nelda (Kampmeier) Baier. Besides his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kampmeier of Stockton.

Norman graduated from Stockton high school in 1957, served with the U. S. Navy for four years and was employed as an IBM operator at the State Bank of Freeport.

He was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve and later the National Guard at Freeport. He belonged to Freeport Excelsior Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite of the Valley of Freeport.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from Christ Lutheran church, the Rev. Harold Norheim officiating. Interment was in Ladies Union cemetery. A color guard from Freeport attended.

A memorial fund has been established by the Class of 1957 for a permanent scoreboard at the school's football field in memory of Baier and in honor of the 1956 championship football team of which he was a member.

Arrangements were completed at the Hermann Funeral Home.

Heartfelt sympathy is expressed on every hand for the grief-stricken parents.