

## ONE KILLED, 4 HURT IN TRAFFIC MISHAPS

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Four traffic accidents in Putnam County last week resulted in the death of Ernest Boyd, 39-year-old construction worker of Buffalo Valley and serious injury to four others.

The first of the four accidents occurred early Thursday morning when a car driven by Bill Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Roland of Cookeville ran off the road striking a utility pole, fire plug and guard posts on the Monterey Highway near the city limits of Cookeville. Roland suffered bruises and a slight brain concussion. The car was badly damaged.

**Boyd was killed instantly Saturday afternoon when the car in which he was riding overturned on highway 56 near Boma. He was Putnam County's sixth traffic victim for 1951. The driver, Kenneth D. Crawford, and the other occupants of the car, Benton Sutton, 19, Hooper Maynard, 16, Belton Lee, 25, all of Boma and Othel Carr, 32 of Buffalo Valley were uninjured.**

In another accident Saturday afternoon on highway 70 about four miles West of Cookeville, Miss Elizabeth Cleveland, 28, of Dallas, Texas, were hospitalized when Chalken lost control of the car and it overturned. The car was demolished. Chalken said he applied the brakes and the car started spinning.

The fourth accident occurred Sunday afternoon when a car driven by William H. Bowers of Cookeville crashed head-on with a car driven by George Gilpatrick, 26, of Cookeville about eight miles North of Cookeville on the Hilham Road. George Gore, 65, occupant of Gilpatrick's car was admitted to General Hospital with head injuries. Bowers, uninjured was arrested on charges of drunken driving.

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**Source:** The Boyd Family History – The Descendants of John Boyd and Mary Elizabeth Leath From Anderson County to Putnam County Tennessee by Carol Hall Bradford.

Pg. 125: #324 – **ERNEST VERNON BOYD**, was born February 4, 1912 in Putnam County, TN, and died July 28, 1951. He married **SARAH GENEVA WHITEHEAD** September 24, 1930, daughter of **BRAD WHITEHEAD** and **ARDA BELLAR**. She was born October 23, 1912 in Smith Co., TN, and died April 14, 2003 in Carthage, Smith Co., TN.

**ERNEST VERNON BOYD** is the son of **OLIVER BOYD** born September 21, 1881 in Putnam Co., TN, and died January 27, 1958 in Algood, Putnam Co., TN. He married (1) **MARTHA ANDERSON** August 10, 1902, daughter of **PAUL ANDERSON** and **BETTY CARR**. She was born August 1879, and died April 20, 1943. He married (2) **AVO LEFTWICH** September 25, 1943. He married (3) **LOU ADA WILLIFORD** March 29, 1951. She died in Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Ernest and his wife Sarah (Whitehead) Boyd are both buried in the John Boyd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Oliver and his wife Martha (Anderson) Boyd are both buried in the John Boyd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Lou Ada (Williford) Boyd is buried in the Dodson Chapel Church Cemetery, Overton Co., TN.

### Children of Ernest Vernon Boyd and Sarah Whitehead are:

#647 – Dorthy Mildred Boyd, b. August 22, 1931, Putnam Co., TN

#648 – Bonnell (NMN) Boyd, b. June 9, 1934, Smith Co., TN

#649 – Leon (NMN) Boyd, b. August 26, 1936, Smith Co., TN

#650 – Robbie Jean Boyd, b. October 4, 1938, Smith Co., TN – d. March 29, 2003, Cookeville, TN

#651 – Ruby Nell Boyd, b. November 9, 1940, Smith Co., TN

#652 – Ernest Taylor Boyd, b. November 22, 1943

#653 – Billy Alfred Boyd, b. July 11, 1946, Putnam Co., TN  
#654 – Jacky (NMN) Boyd, b. August 18, 1948, Putnam Co., TN  
#655 – Jerry (NMN) Boyd, b. August 18, 1948, Putnam Co., TN  
#656 – Martha Lee Boyd, b. May 2, 1951, Putnam Co., TN

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