

In the Line of Duty

Patrolman Edward William Carson

1908 - 1938



On the holiday eve, Sunday, Sept. 4th, the entire community was shocked and saddened at the sudden tragic death of Patrolman Edward W. Carson. He had just made his last call from the police box at North Scituate Beach and was on the way to report off duty. On Hatherly Road at the intersection of Gannet observing a speeding car crossing the intersection against the red light, he gave chase on his motorcycle. A motorist who had stopped for the light and had observed the whole proceeding, came upon the officer a short time later, lying in the roadway on a bend in the road. He breathed his last at the Cohasset Hospital at 7:32 p.m., having made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of his duty.

Officer Carson was appointed a regular member of this department in 1930. He was the youngest member of the department, 30 years of age at the time of his tragic passing. He was well known and respected in police circles throughout the State, keen of mind, interested in his work, likable and extremely popular, he gave every promise of becoming an outstanding officer in his chosen work.

A devoted son, husband and father, his loss to his family, his department and the community is in-estimable.