

Craig Edward Groothoff

Birth: May 3, 1942 Black Hawk County, Iowa
Death: July 10, 1971 Ames, Story County, Iowa
Father: Clarence Edward Andrew Groothoff
Mother Mary Louise Newman
Military: Army July 21, 1964 to July 25, 1967

Married: 1968 in Denver, Colorado

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Shooting incident ends in death of ISU student ''jSife " '' By ROD RIGGS

Early on nearly any typical Saturday evening in July, there's lots of traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, at Lincoln Way and Sheldon Avenue. The Iowa State University campus, the Campustown area and student - occupied apartments in the area draw considerable numbers of people. Thus it was that there were a large number of people about when someone fired a shot at a parked automobile near the Lincoln Apartments, which stand at the northwest corner of the intersection. The 45 minutes that followed encompassed the firing of some 20 shots, and ended in the death of Craig Edward Groothoff, a 29 - year - old graduate student at Iowa State. Shortly after 9 p.m. Saturday, the dispatcher at the Ames Police radio desk received a telephone call from Jim Christensen, 111 North Russell Ave., who was visiting on Sheldon Avenue. The dispatcher's report shows Christensen said someone was shooting at cars , possibly from the Lincoln Apartments area. Almost simultaneously, Mrs. Jane Rollenhagen, 111 North Sheldon Ave., called to report a window "blown out" of her car, parked in the driveway at her residence.

One police officer was dispatched to the scene after the first call; at the second call, two more officers were sent to the scene. Mrs. Rollenhagen called again to report someone shooting at her car. Police who responded to the call Patrolman Charles Rutter, then SCENE OF SHOOTING - Above, Ames police officers examine the interior and shot - marked windshield of a car owned by Mrs. Jane Rollenhagen, m North Sheldon Ave. Shooting of car brought officers to scene where Craig Edward Groothoff, 29, Cedar Falls, was fatally injured by gunshot wound when officers sought to question him.

In photo at left, arrows point to window of Groothoff apartment, where screen was cut and shows broken glass on driveway ; at right, scene from window of Groothoff apartment as resident swept up broken glass. (Tribune Photos by Rod Riggs) Patrolmen Roland Dippold and Gregory Schreiber found a number of persons already on the scene. One young man grabbed Rutter by the arm and told him there was a man with a rifle in the parking lot. As the officers went to investigate, a car backed rapidly from its parking stall and headed eastward out of the lot. The officers called for the car to stop, but although both front windows of the car were open, he failed to respond to their orders. The car brushed against one officer; another, in front of the car, used his hands to protect himself from the oncoming vehicle. The officers fired their revolvers into the ground to emphasize their commands. One shot out the right front tire of the car. As one officer fired, he fell backwards against

a parked car. The vehicle they were trying to stop went out the driveway, eastward across Sheldon Avenue and struck a utility pole. It stopped, with Groothoff, the driver, dead of a gunshot wound. Ames police chief A. E. Siedelmann said Monday he was satisfied the officers were attempting to fire into the ground or at the tires of the car. A total of five shots were fired by the three officers, Siedelmann said. Four of the .38 caliber bullets were recovered, three from the ground, one from the victim's body. The fifth bullet is presumed to be one which completely penetrated the right front tire