

Bangor Man, 80, Struck, Killed By Car

An 80-year-old Bangor man was killed Friday night when struck by a car while attempting to cross the road at State and Essex streets, police said.

Morris Chase of 36 Essex Street, was taken to the Eastern Maine General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Edward Curran. Hospital officials said that Chase suffered multiple head and leg injuries.

Myron G. Whitcomb, 41, of 9 East Summer Street, Brewer, was identified as the operator of the vehicle that struck Chase, police said.

Whitcomb was reportedly driving west on State Street when Chase apparently tried to cross the street. Whitcomb said that he did not see the man, but heard the bump when the car struck him.

Police said that Chase was thrown onto the hood of the car and then to the ground.

A witness to the accident, Richmond Smith, 293 Fourteenth Street, said that he was driving up State Street and had stopped to turn into Essex Street when he heard the bump and saw the body roll in front of him.

Smith told police that the Whitcomb vehicle was proceeding at a normal rate of speed when the accident occurred.

Officer Roger Bryce investigated the accident, assisted by Sgt. John Welch, and Officers Bernard Welch and Robert Reynolds.

MORRIS CHASE

Morris Chase, 80, of 38 Essex Street, died Friday evening of injuries sustained when he was struck by a car at the corner of State and Essex Streets.

He was born in Poland, July 25, 1888, and had lived in Bangor for over 50 years.

There are no known survivors.

Funeral services will be held in the Jewish Chapel on Center Street Sunday at 1 p. m., with Rabbi A. H. Freedman officiating. Interment will be in Beth Israel Cemetery.