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Tragic Toll in Road Accident

AN elderly couple lost their lives and five other people including two small girls, were seriously injured as the result of a collision between a car and a semi-trailer in Ballarat Road, Albion on Monday night.

The occupants of the car, were members of a Sunshine family party returning from a day's drive and the accident is one of the worst ever known involving Sunshine residents.

Those killed were, Mr George James, and his wife, Mrs May James of 32 Sydney St. Mr. James was killed instantly and Mrs. James died on Wednesday as the result of injuries.

The other occupants of the car were, well-known fruiterer, Mr. Dudley Byron of Dickson St. (compound fractured jaw) his wife Emma Byron (severe head injuries), their three years old daughter Fay (lacerations and shock), Mrs Irene Jenkins, 32 Sydney St. (head injuries, fractured wrist and arm) and her daughter, seven years old Janice (fractured skull).

Mr. and Mrs James were an

uncle and aunt to Mrs Byron and Mrs Jenkins who are sisters.

The party had taken the opportunity of a drive in the country on the day of the fruiterer's picnic.

They had almost reached home and in a few minutes would have turned off Ballarat Road into Sydney St.

Driver of the truck was William H. Darvell of Pridham St., Maribyrnong.

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Mr. and Mrs James were buried at a double funeral at Footscray cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

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