Hiawatha man killed in motorcycle crash

(KNZA)--A Tuesday morning motorcycle crash on a Brown County road near Padonia claimed the life of a Hiawatha man.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 40-year-old Shawn Simpson was westbound on 290th Road when he failed to make the curve at Kill Deer Road. His Harley Davidson motorcycle entered the west ditch and rolled.

Simpson, who was not wearing a helmet, was ejected.

He was transported by ambulance to the Hiawatha Community Hospital and then was transported by helicopter to the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, where he later died.

The crash was reported shortly before 8:30.

A celebration of life service for Simpson is planned for 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Hiawatha. Interment will follow at Iola Cemetery, south of Sparks.

The family will meet with friends from 6 until 8 Saturday evening at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, in Hiawatha.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 12 noon Saturday.

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