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Man dies in U.S. 23 accident

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Neville Trimble, of South Portsmouth, Ky., had just returned to Kentucky from Ohio and decided to watch the construction on the new U.S. Grant bridge.

About 5:15 p.m., according to his son Neville "Nib" Trimble of Waverly, his father pulled out onto U.S. 23 into the path of another car when he was seriously injured in the accident. He was taken to Grant Medical Center in Columbus where he died at 8 p.m.

Trimble, 87, worked 47 years for Mitchellace Inc., retiring from the firm in 1984 as plant engineer.

He graduated from the eighth grade in the Minford school district and studied electricity and electronics through home correspondence courses. As the 1937 flood receded, he was hired by Mitchellace to help with cleanup of the plant at Eighth and Adams streets.



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Emergency workers transfer Neville Trimble, of South Portsmouth, Ky., from his car to an ambulance on U.S. 23 in Kentucky near the U.S. Grant Bridge construction site on Thursday afternoon.

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The plant engineer at that time, Ed Roberts, noticing Trimble had an unusually good understanding of the machinery, hired him as a tipping machine operator. He was soon transferred to the shop, and in 1944, was promoted to the position of packaging engineer.

During the 1940s and 1950s, Trimble initiated many innovations to the plant's machinery and to the packaging operation, many of which are still in use at the plant.

His wife, the former Hazel Van Bibber, died in October 2003. He is survived by four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.