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Biker killed in crash with lorry

by Sally Hall

A man was killed when his motorcycle crashed as he tried to overtake a car.

Stephen Fermor, of Pease Pottage, died before ambulance crews could reach him.

Sergeant Ian Pilsbury of Sussex Police said Mr Fermor, 45, had been riding his Yamaha 1100cc motorbike north on the old A23 from Handcross towards his home when the crash happened on Saturday afternoon.

He said: "Mr Fermor tried to overtake a Volkswagen Golf and as he did so the motorbike began to wobble.

"He fell off into the path of a Volvo lorry travelling south on the same road and collided with the wheels before being run over by the lorry."

Such Love -

We have all been saddened by the sudden home call of our brother, Steve Fermor. Words cannot adequately express the sense of loss of such a loving and encouraging brother in the Lord. I know I speak for all when I extend our deepest sympathy and love to Sue, Wesley and Melanie.

Steve was a man who loved much and a man who was much loved. I had thought of listing all the people and things that Steve loved, but in the space available that would be impossible. However, the Lord Jesus would be on the top of the list, closely followed by his wife and family, Christian friends in the fellowship and elsewhere, and those he worked with and associated with and whom he longed might come to Jesus. He was much loved, I believe, by all who knew him. Steve loved life, enjoyed his job and found satisfaction on a tractor or a motor bike, but a mutual love between him and his Lord was surely paramount always.

What a challenge to you and me. Life, obviously, didn't separate Steve from the love of Christ and death most certainly could not.

May we also know with certainty the same assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Steve Piggott

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