

Recently, a writer visited the home of Emily McLaughlin and Jeffrey Hunter and reported: "It was such a happy and warm family that I really hated to leave." The couple, only recently, married seemed to have acquired a peace that only long-married couples have.

Now it is all over, for Jeffrey Hunter is dead. The early reports of his death were met with stunned disbelief because his rather stormy past was over and only a bright future lay ahead.

The accident which caused his death took place the day before he died on the operating table. Doctors labored in vain to save him.

He and Emily had surprised everyone when they married. She had only recently divorced Bob Lansing after a long marriage. Jeffrey had been married two times and had been supposedly about to marry Sally Ann Howes. Instead he married Emily McLaughlin, the top daytime television star.

Emily had told us that her son had told Bob Lansing that "Mom's marrying a guy I really like!"

Now there are only memories. Our sympathy can be no substitute for the loss which is so difficult to accept.