

Agnes Marie Koors
December 31, 1920 – March 22, 1940



Photo by Alicia Kneuss

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YOUNG ADAMS COUNTY GIRL IS VICTIM OF TRAGEDY IN FRONT OF PARENTS' HOME
FRIDAY - FUNERAL TUESDAY

Tragedy marred a planned Easter celebration at the Joseph Koors home, two miles south of the city about 6:30 o'clock last night, when Agnes Marie Koors, 19-year-old daughter of the Adams county residents, was instantly killed in front of the Koors home on federal road 27.

Death was attributed to a skull fracture. She also suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and other injuries.

Miss Koors, formerly employed at the Newberry five and ten-cent store in this city, was returning from Fort Wayne, where she recently was employed at the Grand Leader department store.

She alighted from an ABC bus in front of the Koors home. Starting to cross from the west side of highway 27 to the east side on which the Koors home is located, Miss Koors stepped from behind the bus into the path of an auto driven by G. T. Jubb, 47, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

She was struck by the left front fender of the heavy late model car, and thrown up part way on the hood. Her body was carried 231 feet before being tossed aside, Sheriff Ed Miller, who investigated the accident, reported.

The driver of the bus, Donald C. Todd, of this city, told Sheriff Miller that he witnessed the accident in the rear vision mirror of his vehicle. He said that he warned Miss Koors to "be careful of the cars," as she alighted from the bus. After stopping the car, Jubb and Todd went to her side. Jubb then went to the Koors home to summon an ambulance. She was taken to the Adams county memorial hospital, where a physician pronounced her dead. It is believed, however, that death was instantaneous.

County Coroner J. Jerome Yager of Berne was summoned. Coroner Yager and Sheriff Miller continued their investigation of the accident this morning.

After making his report of the accident at the county jail, Jubb was released to return to his Kalamazoo home. Coroner Yager is expected to return his verdict within a few days.

COULDN'T SEE

"I couldn't see what was happening," Jubb told Sheriff Miller and Daily Democrat representatives. "The lights from the bus blinded me and I was slowing up. I supposed that the bus was just stopping to pick up or discharge a passenger. I did not think anyone had alighted as yet. The next thing I knew, a shadow loomed in front of the car and I thought I hit something. I started applying the brakes."

Sheriff Miller stated that tracks disclosed that the girl's body was carried 231 feet, that the vehicle traveled 91 feet before the brakes were applied from the point of impact and that it moved 140 feet after they had been applied, according to tire tracks.

The left front side of the Jubb car was damaged.

FUNERAL SERVICES TUESDAY

Funeral services for the victim will be held Tuesday morning at the St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 o'clock, with Rev. Joseph J. Seimetz officiating.

The deceased was born in Tipton, December 31, 1920, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Koors. She was a member of the St. Mary's church, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia, the St. Agnes Sodality and the Catholic Youth Organization. (cut off)

...a sister, Elizabeth, all at home.

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Auto Victim's Rites Tuesday
Decatur, Mar. 23 -

Funeral services will be held at the St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning for Miss Agnes Marie Koors, 19, who was killed instantly Friday evening when she was struck by an auto in front of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koors, two miles south of this city on U.S. Highway No. 2, Rev. J. J. Seimetz will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

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Contributed by Jim Cox

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**CAR KILLS MARIE KOORS FRIDAY NEAR DECATUR
Funeral For Girl Run Down As She Leaves ABC Bus**

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning for Miss Agnes Marie Koors, 19, who was killed instantly Friday evening at 6:30 when she was struck by an auto in front of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koors, two miles south of Decatur on U.S. highway No. 27. Rev. J. J. Seimetz will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the St. Joseph cemetery. The deceased was a clerk at the Grand Leader store at Ft. Wayne. She was struck by an automobile driven by G. T. Jubb, of Kalamazoo, Mich. County Coroner Jerome Yager of Berne was summoned. Coroner Yager and Sheriff Miller investigated and stated that her body was carried ?? feet before being tossed aside. The girl had alighted from a southbound ABC bus, driven by D. C. Todd of Decatur, and walked around the rear of the vehicle, stepping directly into the path of the

northbound automobile. She suffered a fracture of the skull and of the left leg and died almost instantly. As she left the bus the driver warned her to watch out for approaching cars as she crossed the road. She had worked in Ft. Wayne only a short time and continued to make her home with her parents. She was born in Tipton and had lived in Adams county for about five years. Sheriff Miller and Coroner Yager stated that tracks disclosed the girl's body was carried 231 feet, that the vehicle traveled 91 feet before the breaks were applied from the point of impact, and that it moved 140 feet after they had been applied, according to tire tracks. She is survived by the parents, three brothers, Joseph, John and Robert Koors, and one sister, Elizabeth Koors, all at home.

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