

Girl, Brenda Meyer, Killed in Accident

Miss Brenda Lee Meyer, 18-year-old Decatur high school senior, was killed, apparently instantly, shortly before 5 o'clock Monday evening when the car in which she was riding collided with another auto on U. S. highway 27, about three miles south of Fort Wayne.

Miss Meyer's mother, Mrs. Raymond E. Meyer, of 220 North Ninth street, was critically injured in the crash, and is a patient at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne.

The popular high school student was pronounced dead on arrival at Parkview memorial hospital, where she was taken by ambulance after the crash at 4:50 p.m. She suffered a skull fracture, severe head lacerations and possible fractures of the right arm and hip.

Mrs. Meyer regained consciousness early this morning, but her condition is still listed as critical. She sustained a basal skull fracture and severe injuries to both legs.

Struck Broadside

Charles Meeks, Allen county deputy sheriff, said Mrs. Meyer and her daughter were enroute home from Fort Wayne when their car was struck broadside by another when it crossed the center line on the highway.

Injured in the second car were Brother Beed, the former Richard Abbott, 24, member of the Augustine mission, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Eileen Suelzer, 62, of 510 West Fourth street, Fort Wayne.

Brother Beed suffered several broken teeth and cuts, and Mrs. Suelzer, the mission housekeeper, received a broken jaw, right shoulder and right leg and severe scalp cuts.

Lifelong Resident

The accident victim, a lifelong resident of Decatur, was born in this city Nov. 16, 1946, a daughter of Raymond E. and Bernadine Hackman-Meyer, and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

Miss Meyer was highly active in the Blessed Mother sodality, the Madonna Honor club, Pep club, and was the recipient last year of the outstanding business student award. She had also been instrumental in publishing the St. Mary's Sunday church bulletin for the past two and one-half years.

Surviving in addition to her parents are two brothers, Harold and Dennis Meyer, both at home, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Christina Hackman of Decatur.

Friends may call at the Gillig, Doan & Sefton funeral home after 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Funeral On Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday for Miss Brenda Lee Meyer, 18, Decatur Catholic high school senior, who was fatally injured Monday evening in a two-auto accident near Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Friends may call at the Gillig, Doan & Sefton funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening. Her senior class schoolmates will recite the rosary at 7 o'clock this evening and the Blessed Mother Sodality will recite the rosary at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Pallbearers will be Gary Meyer, Rich Hackman, Michael Meyer, Sam Hackman, Dave Hackman and Bruce Hackman.

Miss Meyer's mother, Mrs. Raymond E. Meyer, who was badly injured in the accident, is reported slightly improved at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was taken after the accident.

(no date on either article; Brenda died April 26, 1965)

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