

A rural Portland woman and her unborn child died Monday shortly after a cement truck hit their minivan at county roads 120 and 131 in Wayne Township about 9 am.

Sheri A. Reinhart, 29, RR 2, Portland, died of internal injuries enroute to Jay County Hospital in an ambulance, Jay County Coroner Mark Barnett said today.

Doctors at the hospital attempted to save the unborn child, Nicholas Allen, but those efforts were not successful, Barnett said. Mrs. Reinhart was seven months pregnant. The Jay County Police report said she was not wearing a seat belt.

A substitute teacher with the Jay School Corporation, Mrs. Reinhart was graduated with a science degree from Purdue. She was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and attended Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Born Oct. 6, 1963, in Jay County, she was the daughter of Clark and Virginia (Patterson) Snyder. She was married June 24, 1986 to Mark Reinhart, who survives.

Surviving besides her husband are one son, Nathan; one stepson, Clayton; one stepdaughter, Marsi; her father and stepmother, Clark and Beth Snyder, Portland; her mother and stepfather, Virginia and Fred DeHoff, Portland and one brother, Steven Snyder, Portland and in-laws, Carl and Janet Reinhart, Bryant.

Services are set for 10 am Thursday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Father Robert Reinhart and Rev. Roy Loe officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Portland.

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