

One-car wreck claims Lorraine Bruck—

Rural Harlan girl killed

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A violent, one-car accident early Saturday morning in Harlan claimed the life of a rural Harlan girl.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harlan's Myrtue Memorial Hospital was Lorraine Bruck, 17, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mike Bruck of Rt. 2, Harlan.

Also injured were:
— The driver, Scott Campbell (Russell), 16, of Harlan, who sustained multiple leg fractures;

— Julia Bubke, 17, Shelby, whose extent of injuries is unknown because she remained unconscious after the accident;

— And Harry Page, 18, Harlan, who suffered a broken back and other injuries.

HIGH SPEED

According to Harlan Police, the accident took place about 1:15 p.m. Authorities said the car, driven by Campbell, was headed south on 10th Street at a high rate of speed. As the car

approached the intersection with Willow Street, the driver apparently grazed a parked car on the northeast corner of the intersection, lost control of the vehicle and slammed into a large tree.

Police estimated Campbell was driving at least 80 miles per hour at the time of the accident, but they said there was no way to determine the speed because there were no skid or brake marks.

It took rescue workers nearly 45 minutes to remove the victims from the wreckage because of the compact nature of the vehicle.

The impact of the car striking the tree forced the car's engine into the front seat and broke the steering column off.

A six-pack of beer was found by police in the car.

At press time Saturday, the condition of the three injured persons was unknown. It was

not known whether any of the three had been transferred to another hospital.

SERVICES PENDING

Services for Miss Bruck are pending at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan.

The accident Saturday morning was the second fatality in Harlan during 1978.



THE TRAGIC SCENE of a traffic accident Saturday morning in Harlan, above, shows the impact of the automobile against a tree at the corner of 10th and Willow streets. At the right, a closeup shows the compacted condition of the wreckage which hampered rescue squad members in removing the victims. The accident claimed the life of Lorraine Bruck (Mike), 17, of Rt. 2, Harlan (see story).



Lorraine A. Bruck, 17

Harlan — Lorraine Ann Bruck, daughter of Michael J. and Ursula T. Leinen Bruck, was born in Harlan on July 1, 1961. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth. She attended St. Mary's School and later Harlan Community schools. She was a senior at Harlan high school and would have graduated this coming spring.

Lorraine died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan on Saturday, Sept. 9, 1978 at age 17 as the result of an auto accident. She was a member of St. Michael's church in Harlan.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, William Bruck. Survivors include her parents, Mr and Mrs Michael J. Bruck of rural Harlan; five brothers - James of Williamsburg and John, Joe, Jeffery and Jay, all at home; five sisters - Theresa (Mrs Wayne Corrin) of Neola, Debra (Mrs Ken Leinen) and Sharon Bruck of Harlan and Jackie and Cristie, at home, by her paternal grandmother, Clara Bruck of Harlan; her maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Zeno Leinen of Portsmouth and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan on Monday, Sept. 11, 1978, with Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant and Msgr. Peter Schmitz and Rev. Donald Bruck as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth with Roger Blum, Bruce Bruck, Craig Bruck, Randy Bruck, Roger Leinen and Richard Carroll serving as pallbearers.