

Harlan woman dies in Interstate 80 accident

AVOCA -- A 22-year-old Harlan woman died Friday, Jan. 13 from injuries sustained in an accident on Interstate 80 just west of the Avoca interchange.

Iowa State Patrol officials said Nicolette M. Johnston died after her vehicle crossed the median on the interstate and collided with a semi-trailer at approximately 1 p.m. near the 38 mile marker of I-80.

Reports said the Johnston vehicle, a 2006 Saturn, was westbound when for an unknown reason, the vehicle went out of control and entered the median.

The vehicle rotated counterclockwise and came to rest on eastbound lanes of the interstate where it was struck by a 2007 Volvo semi-trailer driven by Bret A. Roberts, Estherville.

The Roberts semi came to rest in the median while the Johnston vehicle was pushed back into the westbound lanes of the interstate.

Services

Services for Nicolette "Nikki" Marie Johnston will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in

Harlan with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday, Jan. 16 from 6-9 p.m., with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Johnston is survived by her parents, Dr. Mick and Angie Johnston of Harlan; sister Jandy Johnston and brother Dirk Johnston, both of Harlan; maternal grandmother Ruth Koolhof of Webster City; paternal grandparents Clara Johnston of Webster City and Charles Johnston of Minneapolis, Mn.; and special friend Jack Thomas of Omaha.