

Arlinda Atkins dies following car-train crash

Hooker county recorded its fourth fatal traffic accident of 1964 when Arlinda Atkins, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Atkins, was killed in a car-train accident about 10:15 Saturday night at the depot crossing in Mullen.

Miss Atkins, alone in her car, was traveling south. The engine of the east-bound freight train hit the front end of her car and threw it ontop of two cars parked to the west of the depot.

Miss Atkins died shortly after being taken to the Mullen hospital.

James Rick Phipps was killed in a two-car accident on the west edge of Mullen on January 14, and Steve Ostergard died January 18 as a result of the same accident.

Young Ostergard was a cousin of Miss Atkins and had been making his home with her parents on a ranch about 25 miles north of Mullen.

Roy A. Christian of Alliance was killed in a one-car accident east of Mullen on February 18.

Arlinda Lou Atkins was born at Arnold, Nebraska, on November 22, 1947. She was a sophomore in the Mullen high school.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 31 at 2:00 p.m., from the Methodist church in Arnold, with the Rev. Maurice C. Holt officiating.

Bethel No. 41 International Order of Job's Daughters took part in the services.

Soloist Mrs. Edward Purcell sang, "Ivory Palaces" and "Beyond the Sunset", accompanied by Mrs. Mynor Smith.

Pallbearers were Gary Geiser, Jerry Eastburn, Johnny Mills, Drew Heady, Melvin McIntosh and Sam Simonson.

Interment was in the Arnold cemetery.