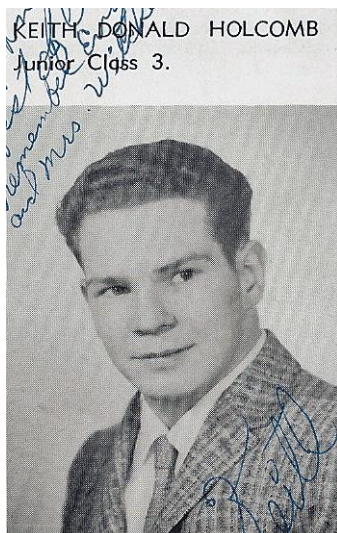


KEITH DONALD HOLCOMB



Date Of Death: July 3, 1964

Crash Fatal To 2 Youths; 3 More Hurt

Two young men are dead as the result of a one-car accident on the Trumansburg Rd. about 1:30 a.m. today that left three other young people seriously injured.

Pronounced dead at the scene of the accident near the Lakes Drive-In Theater, was Keith Holcomb, 21, of Enfield Center Rd., Ithaca RD5, driver of the car.

One of the four passengers, Horace Wellin Jr., 18, of Trumansburg, died early this afternoon as he was being prepared to be transferred to Elmira.

Reported in critical condition this afternoon were Arthur Miller Jr., 21, of Trumansburg, and Mary (?) Predmore, 18, of 218 Pleasant St. Miss Predmore was transferred from Tompkins County Hospital to Arnot-Ogden Hospital in Elmira this afternoon.

A fourth victim, Robert Oaks, 20, of Trumansburg, was reported in satisfactory condition.

The two deaths in this accident are the county's sixth and seventh highway fatalities of this year.

According to Tompkins County Sherriff's Department Mr. Holcomb was driving south at an apparently high rate of speed when he lost control of the vehicle. The auto went off

the west side of the highway, struck a guide post, traveled 300 feet across a lawn, hit an embankment and then continued for another 300 feet before coming to rest on its top in a ditch, the Sherriff's office said.

Miss. Predmore and Mr. Holcomb were pinned under the wreckage of the car for 40 minutes before being removed by rescue workers.

Sgt. (unreadable) and Deputies John Stark and Fred Decker investigated. Mr. Holcomb was an employee of National Cash Register Co. and member of Ithaca Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Vivian K. Holcomb of Enfield Center; two sisters, Shirley M. Holcomb, at home and Mrs. Sandra Fenner of Freeville; a nephew; an aunt, Mrs. Doris Schilling of Enfield Center and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Samuel Rhode Funeral Home, Trumansburg. The Rev. M. Ford Crippen of Mecklenburg will officiate. Burial will be in Mecklenburg Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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