

Mary Katherine Kerby

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Dies on Trip With Her Fiance

Miss Mary Katherine Kerby Was Thrown From Car Near Lynchburg

By Register Staff Writer

HINTON—Miss Mary Katherine Kerby, 42, daughter of Mrs. Mary Kerby, of Ballengee Street, was killed in an automobile accident near Amherst, Va., about 7:00 o'clock Friday evening, according to word received by members of the family at 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Only meager details of the accident were available here, but it was understood by members of the family that she was thrown from the automobile when it overturned twice on the highway, as she and her fiance, Emberry S. Taylor, of Richmond, were driving from Hinton to Richmond.

The couple expected to be married here next Thursday morning, and had applied at the county clerk's office for their marriage license before leaving for Richmond between 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock Friday evening. Mr. Taylor was to have been received into the Catholic Church at Richmond Saturday, and Miss Kerby planned to be present at the ceremony.

The cause of the accident was not known here today. Miss Kerby was rushed to a Lynchburg hospital but was reported dead on arrival. Mr. Taylor, who was driving at the time, is reported to have suffered only minor injuries and shock. An ambulance, accompanied by her brother Thomas A. Kerby, left here at 5:00 o'clock Saturday morning to return the body to Hinton, and it was expected to arrive about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Miss Kerby is widely and favorably known in Hinton, having been born here in the house in which the family now resides, on May 13, 1900. She graduated from the Hinton high school in May, 1921, and has been employed as a teacher in the schools of Hinton for the past 18 years. She received her A. B. degree from Concord College at Athens.

She is the third member of her family to die from accidental means; her father, a railroad man, having been killed in a train wreck many years ago; and a brother, Robert Kerby, dying from injuries received in an automobile accident in 1929.

Miss Kerby was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters of America, and Junior Woman's Choral Club. She was an accomplished singer, and enjoyed a wide reputation as a soloist.

Requiem high mass will be said by the Rev. Father Joseph Sieber at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery here.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Kerby; four brothers; Dennis A. Kerby, of Peru, Ind.; William J. and Thomas A. Kerby, at home; and Francis Kerby, of Oak Hill, and an aunt, Mrs. Ella Long, of Clifton Forge, Va.

Her fiance, E. S. Taylor, is a former resident of Hinton, and is well known here, having been formerly employed in the local railway shops. He is a brother of W. Lon Taylor, of Ballengee Street, and is now chief car inspector for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway system with headquarters in Richmond, Va.