

Andrew Lee Williams

September 23, 1921 – December 30, 1942

(From Beckley Post-Herald December 31, 1942)

BECKLEY POST-HERALD *West Virginia*

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, 1942 TEN

ANDY WILLIAMS TAKEN BY DEATH

Former Hinton Football
Player Succumbs In
Indiana

HINTON, Dec. 30—Andrew Lee "Andy" Williams, aged 21 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Williams, of Main street, died at 3:30 o'clock at the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he had been under treatment since October 30.

Andy, as he was familiarly known to hundreds of Hinton residents and football fans throughout this section, was a star player on the Hinton Bobcat team, on which he played for four years, prior to entering Butler University in the fall of 1940.

Upon entering the university, he reported to the football squad, made good, and played there three years until he suffered an injury on the field on September 15, which resulted in complications causing his death. He entered the hospital for treatment on October 30, but the nature of his injury was such that an operation could not be made.

Although reported in critical condition at various times during his long confinement, his death came unexpectedly. Only this morning his father received two cards and a letter from him, telling him that he was much improved. These were followed by a message from the hospital at 3:00 o'clock asking his parents to come at once, and a second message received at 4:00 o'clock announced his death.

He was a member of the Central Baptist church, was affiliated with Sigma Chi fraternity at Butler university and had enlisted in the Marine Corps reserve on June 25.

The body is expected to arrive here Thursday night, and will be taken to the Ronald Meadows Funeral Home on Temple street, and later removed to the Williams home at 108 Main street. Funeral services will probably be held Saturday, although definite arrangements have not been completed.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Williams; his grandfather, L. J. Williams, of the South Side; and the following brothers and sisters: Reno Williams, of Summers street, and Mrs. Reva Fones, of Washington, D. C. twins; Annabell Williams and Howard Williams, at home.