

# George Gill

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## GEORGE GILL DIES OF ACCIDENTAL HURTS

RECEIVED WHEN AUTOMOBILE GOES OVER HINTON-BROOKS ROAD FRIDAY NIGHT, THREE OTHERS IN ACCIDENT

George Gill, 21 years of age, was fatally injured on the Hinton-Brooks highway, Friday night, Oct. 6, 1933, about 10 o'clock, when a Ford sedan, owned and driven by James Shelton, aged 17 years, plunged over a 35 foot embankment on the lower side of the road and landed on the C. & O. tracks. In an unconscious condition from the effects of a fractured skull and concussion of the brain and from which he never rallied, the young man was rushed to the Hinton Hospital where he died at 8:15 o'clock Saturday evening. His head was terribly mangled. Mr. Gill and party had been attending a play at the Sandstone High School and were returning to Hinton. Besides Young Shelton, there were Dick Powell 19 and Fred Farr 20, the latter two occupying the front seat with Shelton while George Gill was

accident occurred about 100 yards this side of Brooks as the car neared the top of the grade on the road and was caused by a rear tire blowing off. This caused young Shelton to lose control of the automobile which plunged off the road as it was making from 35 to 40 miles an hour, according to reports. In their descent down the bank, Shelton was thrown out and the small of his back struck the railway tracks. Powell and Farr were but slightly hurt. All of the young men were brought to the hospital by Clay Marion and Homer Withrow where Shelton is still receiving treatment.

Probably no death in Hinton for years has created more widespread sorrow than has the tragic ending of George Gill. He was a gentlemanly young fellow and life was beckoning him on to a future of promise. He graduated with honor from the Hinton

High School last session, and enjoyed the admiration and respect of his teachers and classmates. His habits and deportment were splendid and his personality reflected the warmth of his heart. His many friends are saddened by his passing from all things mortal to the state of immortality, and peace to such a soul! He was a member of the Central Baptist church.

For several years George had made his home with his sister, Mrs. Massie McGhee, here, he receiving all the attention and devotion a loving relative could bestow upon him. Besides Mrs. McGhee, he leaves his father, L. E. Gill, and other sisters, viz: Mrs. Virgil Grimmitt, and Miss Marie Gill, of this city; Mrs. P. S. Stanley, of Huntington; Mrs. Emma George, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Scott Owens, of Brooks, and Mrs. John Hughes, of Beckley.

Largely attended funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, in the Central Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Hackney. The interment followed in the Greenbrier Burial Park.