

Andrew D. Huntsman, and Matthew P. Grigsby: Teens killed in Adams Co. (11/24/03)

Two Jay County teenagers died following a four-vehicle accident in Adams County on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Andrew D. Huntsman, 18, 4031 South 600 East, Salamonia, and Matthew P. Grigsby, 18, 130 W. McNeil St., Portland, were pronounced dead at the scene by an official from the Adams County coroner's office. Both teens died from blunt force trauma after they were ejected from the car that Huntsman was driving in Wabash Township in Adams County, according to information from Indiana State Police. They were not wearing seat belts.

Their bodies were taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for autopsies, according to a ISP report.

Huntsman was driving a 1992 Plymouth car north on U.S. 27, just south of Adams County road 850 South, when, according to police, he traveled left of center and collided with a 2001 Dodge car, driven by Scott W. Peters, 24, Geneva. After Huntsman's Plymouth struck the Peters vehicle it continued north striking a 1997 Dodge van driven by Linus K. Harrold, 56, Bluffton. Both Harrold's van and Peters' car came to rest on the west side of the road. Huntsman's car then struck head-on a 1992 Chevrolet van driven by Michael R. Drains, 38, Union City, Ind.

Peters was treated for pain and later released from Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur. Harrold was transported to ACMH for a fractured ankle, and three passengers in his van were also treated at ACMH for injuries. Karen Harrold, 56, Bluffton, was treated for chest pain; Amy Harrold, 28, Fishers, was treated for a possible pelvic fracture; and Kris Harrold, Fishers, was treated for a fractured arm. The four members of the Harrold family were listed in fair condition. Drains was not injured.

The ISP were assisted by the Adams County Sheriff's Department, Adams County Emergency Medical Service, Geneva Fire Department, Monroe Fire and Rescue and Berne Police Department.

The investigation is continuing. That section of U.S. 27 near the accident scene remained closed from 8:51 p.m. Saturday until 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Services for the two teens are set for Wednesday at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. One will be held in the morning and the other in the afternoon, with calling for both to be held Tuesday afternoon.

**Huntsman** worked part time as a grounds keeper for the Spring Hill Cemetery at Fort Recovery. In 1998 he was awarded the Vere Cochran Award from the Jay County Boys Club and earned his GED in 2002. He was a student at Ivy Tech in Muncie.

Born March 30, 1985, in Portland, he was the son of David M. and Lisa (Donahue) Huntsman. Surviving are his father of Salamonia and his mother of Muncie; two brothers, Mark Alan Huntsman, Salamonia, and Alex R. Huntsman, Muncie; one sister, Bethany A. Huntsman, Muncie; maternal grandfather, Don Donahue, rural Portland; paternal grandparents, Elwood and Patsy Huntsman, Allardt, Tenn.; and one niece.

Services are set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Billy Stanton officiating. Burial will be in the Salamonia Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the National Leukemia Foundation.

**Grigsby** had worked at Pizza King in Portland for a year and was currently working at Berne Apparel in Portland.

Born Jan. 8, 1985, in Dayton, Ohio, he was the son of Earl G. and Deborah (Younger) Grigsby. Surviving are his parents of Portland; one brother, Edward J. Grigsby, Portland; two sisters, April D. Grigsby, Portland, and Beth A. Grigsby, Geneva; one half-sister, Chasity D. Chapman, Portland; and his grandfather, Edward Grigsby, Portland.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Hugh Kelly officiating. Burial will be in the Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the family.

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