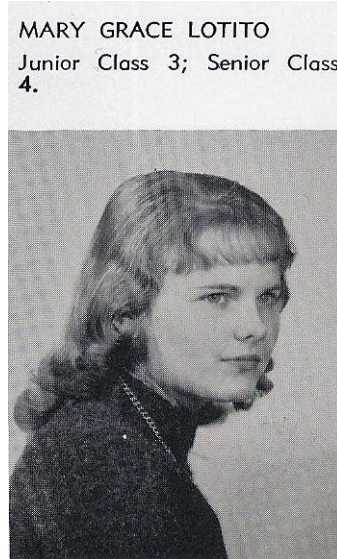


MARY GRACE LOTITO (CURKENDALL)



Date of Death: June 27, 1963

Ithaca Woman Killed In Crash

Mrs. Mary G. Curkendall, 19, of 625 W. Green St. was killed Thursday afternoon when a car in which she was riding with her husband, Richard, 23, crashed on Bostwick Rd.

Mrs. Curkendall is the seventh person to die this year in Tompkins County automobile accidents. Only six persons were killed in auto crashes in all of 1962.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at the Tompkins County Hospital. Her husband was treated for multiple bruises.

Coroner Ralph Low said the Mrs. Curkendall died of a fractured neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Curkendall, married May 31, had been swimming Monday afternoon and were out for a ride in a car purchased two days ago.

The Sheriff's Department investigated the accident. According to its report, the Curkendall car was being driven down Bostwick Rd. when it skidded on loose stones as the driver attempted to negotiate a curve.

The car went along the shoulder of the road, crossed the highway, and into a field and rolled over twice. The authorities said it was a distance of 390 feet from where the car first left the highway to where it stopped.

Mrs. Curkendall was thrown clear of the car. She and her husband were taken to the hospital by Bangs ambulance.

Mrs. Curkendall attended Ithaca elementary schools and was graduated from Ithaca High School in 1961. She was employed at the Pastry Shop.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lotito of the Ellis Hollow Rd.; two sisters, Mrs. Rodney Johnson of Ithaca and Patricia Lotito of Ellis Hollow; four brothers, Anthony Jr., Phillip, Joseph and Peter Lotito, all of Ellis Hollow; several aunts and uncles.

The Bangs Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements which will be announced.

Friends may call Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and evening at the funeral home.

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