

3 Area Men Die In Highway Crash

Three area residents were killed yesterday afternoon when their eastbound car went out of control on Illinois 2 and collided with a truck.

The three are: David E. Pence, 21 of 325½ 15th Ave., East Moline; Gail Ader, 21, of 302 South 17th St., Silvis, a Marine home on leave; and Richard L. Snell, 23, of Babcock Addition, East Moline.

According to Illinois State Police the car slid off the slippery road and collided with the truck when the car apparently crossed the centerline as it came back on to highway. The accident occurred about 4:10 yesterday afternoon about 2 miles east of the junction of Illinois 2 and 92.

Pence was thrown from the car and pronounced dead on arrival at Illini Hospital. The other two victims were pinned in the wreckage for a time and were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The truck driver, Richard Gentry, 31, of Atkinson, was not injured.

State police have been unable to determine who was driving the car, which had Oregon license plates.

Terry Scott, Rock Island County deputy sheriff, summoned the State Police to the scene when his squad car was involved in a minor accident in Rock Island as Scott was en route to the accident.

Scott continued to the scene of the accident after reporting his accident to city police.

The crash was the second triple fatality in Rock Island County in two days raising the death toll for the year to 37.

Services for Mr. Pence are expected to be held Friday at Fairman Mortuary, Green Rock, but the time has not been set.

Classmate Obituary – Gail Leroy Ader (22 December 1969)



Services are pending at Primm-Sullivan Funeral Home, East Moline, for Pfc. Ader.

He was born in Trenton, Mo., and married Carol Miller on Nov. 26, 1966. The couple is divorced.

He enlisted in the Marines in February of this year and served as an aviation mechanic. He was home on leave and was scheduled to report to Quantico, Va., after the holidays.

Surviving are his mother, Dolly Ader, 601 4th Ave., East Moline; a daughter, Deborah M., of East Moline, a sister, Mrs. Clifford W. Ooten, Dayton, Ohio, and a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Neavill of Silvis.

Email from Dennis Stumphy – received Saturday, August 22, 2009 – 12:06 PM

Subject: Obituary for Gail Ader and Richard Snell

Gail was home on leave after finishing basic training at MCRD (Marine Corp Recruit Depot) in San Diego California. They both died together in a snow storm while traveling on the viaduct in Silvis. They went off the road and were hit by a truck while trying too get back on the road both men are buried at the Rock Island Arsenal. Gail was in the Marine Corp and Richard had served in the Navy. I know this for a fact as I was a pall bearer for Richard – Gail had a Marine Corp color guard...Sincerely Dennis Stumphy

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Name:	Gail Leroy Ader
Service Info.:	PFC US MARINE CORPS VIETNAM
Birth Date:	13 Aug 1948
Death Date:	22 Dec 1969
Service Start Date:	24 Feb 1969
Interment Date:	29 Dec 1969
Cemetery:	Rock Island National Cemetery
Cemetery Address:	1 Arsenal Drive Bldg 118 Rock Island, IL 61299-7090
Buried At:	Section K Site 822

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