

Lorene Watson dies in car accident east of Dwyer

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The Wheatland community was deeply saddened when they learned of the death of Lorene Watson in an automobile accident four miles east of the Dwyer junction, early Thursday morning. She was killed when the car she was driving went into the borrow pit and overturned on its top in a 16-ft. hole.

According to Highway Patrolman Les Case, the accident was reported by the Highway Department crew, and he stated that the car had gone out of control as it traveled westbound. It went 290 feet in the borrow pit, in the air for 32 ft., back on its wheels for another five feet where it hit on its left side against the bank of a 16-ft. hole, dropping back into the hole on its top.

The car was found about 10 a. m. Thursday morning by the highway crew when the highway crew chanced to see it. Case stated that he had driven by the spot that morning, as had others, but did not see the car.

Lorene was born and raised in Wheatland, graduating from the Wheatland high school in May 1937. During her high school days she was very active in school affairs and girls' basketball, and was popular among the students.

For the past several months she had been employed in the Public Welfare office here.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lyla Watson and two sisters, Mrs. Fulton (Maesel) Hester and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Grant.