

Donald Keith "D K" Porterfield

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# Hinton Youth Dies in Spectacular Automobile Crash

Donald Keith Porterfield, 24, of Hinton was killed early today when the car in which he was riding left State Route 12 and went over an embankment about 1 mile north of Forest Hill.

The accident occurred at approximately 3:50 a.m.) when the car reportedly ran onto the berm and then over the 25-30 foot embankment, shearing off a utility pole.

Young Porterfield was dead on arrival at the Summers County Hospital from head injuries received when he was thrown through the windshield.

The driver of the car, James H. Porterfield, Jr., brother of the victim, was admitted to the Summers County Hospital, treated for minor lacerations and released. James, a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Navy was on leave from duty in California.

Donald was born August 13, 1949 at Talcott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Porterfield, Sr., who now live at 307 8th Ave., Hinton.

In addition to his parents and

brother, James, Jr., he is survived by another brother, Jerry, at home and one sister, Mrs. Bill (Linda) Wright of Charlottesville, Va.

The popular Hinton youth was a student at Beckley College and employed in the Summers County surveyor's office. He was a member of VFW Post 4500, local lodge 993 of the Loyal Order of the Moose and Willow Wood Country Club. He had served a term in the U. S. Navy.

Donald was a standout performer on the 1964 Hinton High School football team which was the West Virginia Class AA Championship runner-up. He received recognition as a high school football All-American for his outstanding performances as a Bobcat halfback.

Services will be held at 2 p.m.

Sunday at the E. M. Meadows Funeral Home in Hinton with the Rev. Charles O. Dameron, pastor of the Miller Memorial Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Restwood Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Saturday.

Pallbearers will include: Leroy Farley, Johnny O'Neal, Bill Hughes, Steve Hunter, Ed Yates, Rodney Ford, Larry Smith, David Huffman, Freddie Mock, Chilton Lilly, Pat Jordan and Eddie Willey, Jr.