

## Josephine Costa Meador

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# LEUKEMIA CLAIMS LIFE HERE OF POPULAR HINTON GIRL AND BRIDE OF ONLY THREE MONTHS

A courageous six-month fight against dreaded leukemia, a rare blood disease, ended in death Sunday for Mrs. Josephine Coste Meador, pretty 19-year-old Hinton High School Senior and bride of less than three months, who died at her home in Bellepoint at 9:45 p. m.

Her fight against death began last January when doctors at the Clifton Forge Hospital diagnosed

the disease of the popular girl and at that time they gave her only three months in which to live.

Mrs. Meador was later taken to the Cleveland Clinic where the earlier diagnosis was confirmed and since that time she had received 5 blood transfusions in an effort to prolong her life.

### Temperature 106

During the last several weeks her condition had been critical with her temperature often going higher than 106 degrees, however, she would rally bravely and regain consciousness. Despite the seriousness of her condition she never lost hope and remained cheerful and brave to the end.

Less than two hours before her death Josephine called members of her family to the bedside including her young husband to whom she was married on March 30, so that she could tell them goodbye.

Josephine was born in this city on December 15, 1931, and had spent her entire life here where she attended the public schools and graduated in May with the Senior class of 1951.

She was most popular and held the respect and admiration of everyone who knew her as she had an outstanding personality and was quiet and unassuming.

Despite her condition she participated in as many activities as possible with the Senior class and attended the Baccalaureate sermon on the Sunday before graduation, but her condition did not permit her to attend the Commencement exercises.

### Funeral Wednesday

Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coste, of Central Avenue, Bellepoint, where she died, she is survived by her husband, Harry Meador and one sister, Mrs. John Mazzella and one brother, Eugene, of Charleston.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the St. Patrick's church at nine o'clock with the Reverend Father Lawrence G. Becker officiating. The Rosary was said at the funeral home Tuesday night at 8 o'clock where the body remained until the church service.

Burial followed the church service at Restwood Burial Estate. The Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlor had charge.

Active pallbearers were Herman Durst, Bill Humphries, Johnnie Ratliff, James Morris, Ralph Clarke, Dewey Bennett, George Saunders and David Hess, all of whom were members of the senior class.

Honorary pallbearers were W. C. Lilly, Harold Calaham, Jim Fitzsimmons, Jimmy Sampson, Edgar Richmond, Arthur Mann, Raymond Argabright, N. C. Smith and Bill Jackson.