

Wanda Podmore

Wanda Jean Podmore, 17, of 350 Kirby Loop Road, died Sunday, April 22, as the result of an auto accident in Pascagoula, Miss. She was a native of Keene, N.H., and came to Fort Pierce from Colorado Springs, Colo., in January 1984. She was a clerk at Kentucky Fried Chicken and was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Hettie and John Douglas of Fort Pierce; her father, Richard Podmore of Vermont; three sisters, Sherie and Angela Podmore of Fort Pierce and Wendy Woodruff of New York; maternal grandmother, Loretta White of Winchester, N.H.; paternal grandmother, Gladys Taylor of Winchester; stepgreat-grandparents, Jessie and Lois Henderson of Fort Pierce; and stepgrandmother, Beatrice Douglas of Fort Pierce.

The funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Baird Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bruce Jones, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Fort Pierce girl dies in accident

A Mississippi state trooper says an investigation is being conducted following the traffic death Monday of a 17-year-old Fort Pierce girl there.

Wanda Jean Podmore, 350 Kirby Lane, was dead at the scene after her car reportedly left Interstate 10 in Pascagoula — about 10 miles west of the Alabama state line — and struck a guardrail.

Trooper Robert Harris of the Mississippi Highway Patrol said Ms. Podmore was traveling westbound on I-10 around 2:10 a.m. when her car went off the side of the road.

The girl reportedly tried to pull the 1974 Dodge she was driving back onto the highway, causing it to go into a sideways spin before smashing the driver's door into a guardrail near a bridge, Harris said.

For funeral arrangements, see obituary notice on Page A6.