

Harlan tot killed in tragic ATV accident

Three injured as ATV tips over and pins driver and three passengers

HARLAN -- A two-year-old Harlan boy was tragically killed Sunday evening, May 24 when the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) on which he was riding flipped over and landed on top of him.

David Allen Christensen, the son of Scott and Janice Christensen, 401 Sixth Street, Harlan, was taken by SkyMed Helicopter to Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha Sunday night where he died a short time later.

Police reports said Christensen was a passenger on a three-wheel Honda ATV driven by a 37-year-old Harlan man, a friend of the Christensen family. The man's name was not released pending investigation of the accident. Reports said Christensen, seven-year-old Angela Guzman of Harlan and six-year-old Gretchen Clark of Harlan all were riding on the vehicle with the driver on a private lot north of the Christensen residence near the Shelby County Fairgrounds on north Fifth Street.

Reports said the driver maneuvered the vehicle through a ditch there, and on the way up the opposite bank the ATV flipped backwards pinning all four occupants underneath. The accident occurred at about 6:15 p.m. that night.



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The driver apparently pulled the ATV off the children, noticed that Christensen was bleeding from the head and rushed him back to the Christensen home, located only about 400 feet away from the accident site. Christensen was immediately taken to Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan and later transferred to Omaha by rescue helicopter. He died at approximately 11 p.m. that night of severe head injuries.

The other two children also were taken to Myrtue after complaining of back and leg injuries, but were treated and released that night. The driver of the ATV was uninjured in the mishap.

Charges are pending a full investigation by the Harlan Police Department.

Services...

Funeral services for Christensen will be held Wednesday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with burial following in the Harlan Cemetery. A prayer service will be held tonight, Tuesday, May 26 at 8 p.m. at Pauleys. Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. at Pauleys tonight.

Christensen is survived by his parents, **Scott and Janice** of Harlan; a sister, **Jessica**, and a brother, **Paul**, both of Harlan; maternal grandparents, **Gerald and Betty Huebert** of Portsmouth; paternal grandparents, **Gerald and Rita Christensen** of Portsmouth; and a maternal great-grandmother, **Gertrude Huebert** of Panama.