

# Irwin teen killed in accident

**DENISON** -- A 16-year-old Irwin girl was killed Monday when the car she was driving struck a semi-tractor trailer on U.S. Highway 59 six miles south of Denison.

Dena Carter, the daughter of Michel and Carol Carter, Irwin, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to Iowa State Patrol reports, Carter was driving her 1994 Buick Regal northbound on U.S. Highway 59 about 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 when it crossed the center line and struck a 2004 Freightliner driven by James Finch, 58, Ocala, Fla.

Reports said Carter was ejected from the vehicle, which came to rest on the east shoulder, facing south. The semi came to rest in the west ditch.

Finch was taken to Crawford County Hospital with head injuries, where he was treated and released. A passenger in the Finch semi, Timothy Squires, 39, Belleview, Fla., was also taken to Crawford County Hospital with head injuries. He also was treated and released.

## Services

Services for Carter were held Thursday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with burial in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Besides her parents, Carter is survived by her sis-



**Dena Carter**

ter, Leah, of Cedar Falls; brother, Ryan, of Irwin; maternal grandparents Arthur and Marlene Klingenberg of Cedar Falls; paternal grandparents Virgil and Ruby Carter of Irwin; and her maternal great-grandmother, Myrtle Gearhart, of Harlan.

Carter was a sophomore at IKM High School in Manilla.

She was very active in school.

She was awarded the IKM Presidential Academic Achievement Award, and participated in volleyball, track and softball, as well as the Catholic Youth Organization.

Her interests included gymnastics, water sports, music, playing the piano, stock car and four-wheeler races, playing on the computer and spending time with friends and family.

Family and friends say her most memorable quality was her shining smile.