

KIRTS, WILMA RUTH

Birth

March 22, 1917 in Cumming,
Warren Co., Iowa



Death

April 3, 1934 at Cumming,
Warren Co., Iowa



Standard Certificate of Death
Warren Co., Iowa
Registered No 6

Wilma Ruth Kirts
Residence: Cumming, Iowa
Place of death: Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa
Date of birth: March 22, 1917
Date of death: April 3, 1934
Cause of death: suicide by carbolic acid poisoning
Age: 17yr 11da
Father: George Kirts, born in Kansas
Mother: Bertha E. Wyckoff, born in Cameron, Missouri
Place of burial: Orillia, Iowa on April 4, 1934
Funeral Home: B. F. Gallaway, Norwalk, Iowa
Coroner of Warren Co.: C. H. Mitchell, Indianola, Iowa

Cause of Death

Suicide by taking carbolic acid

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 22

Father

George Kirts, born in Kansas

Mother

Bertha Wykoff, born in Missouri

Census

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Dwelling 178; Family 180

Kirts, George	42	stockshipper	KS	OH	IN
Bertha E.	33		MO	MO	MO
Mary A.	09		MO	KS	MO
Herald G.	08		IA	KS	MO
Virginia H.	06		IA	KS	MO
Donald F.	04 6/12		IA	KS	MO
Ruth W.	02 9/12		IA	KS	MO
Elmer B.	9/12		IA	KS	MO

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Kirts, George	48		KS		
		Father, David Kirts, born in Missouri			
		Mother, Mary Jane Ellis, born in OH			
Bertha	37		MO		
		Father, Frank Wycoff, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Anna Ulrich, born in Missouri			
Maryanna	14		MO		
		Father, George Kirts, born in KS			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			
Harold	13		IA		
		Father, George Kirts, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			
Virginia	11		IA		
		Father, George Kirts, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			
Donald	09		IA		
		Father, George Kirts, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			
Ruth	07		IA		
		Father, George Kirts, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			
Boyd	05		IA		
		Father, George Kirts, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			
Female	02		IA		
		Father, George Kirts, born in Kansas			
		Mother, Bertha Wycoff, born in Missouri			

1930 – Cumming, Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 16; Page 1A; April 18, 1930

Dwelling 8; Family 8

Kirts, Bertha E.	43	Wd	MO	MO	MO
Harold G.	18	coal mine laborer	IA	KS	MO

Virginia H.	16		IA	KS	MO
Donald F.	14		IA	KS	MO
Ruth W.	13		IA	KS	MO
Boyd E.	10		IA	KS	MO
Jean R.	07	daughter	IA	KS	MO
Lynn M.	05	son	IA	KS	MO

Funeral Home

B. F. Galloway Funeral Home

Death Records

B. F. Galloway Burial Records

Wilma Ruth Kirts, born March 22, 1917 at Cumming, Iowa; died April 3, 1934 of suicide by carbolic acid poisoning at residence; age 17yr 0mo 11da; father was George Clerk's Office, Indianola, Warren Co., IA

Kirts, Wilma Ruth; born in Iowa; died April 3, 1934; committed suicide by taking carbolic acid in Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa; age 17yr 0mo 14da; buried April 4, 1934 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orilla, Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; her father was George Kirts; B. F. Galloway was the funeral director; physician was C. H. Mitchell.

Obituary

[Indianola Herald, Thursday, April 5, 1934]

Ruth Kirts, 17, of Cumming, committed suicide Monday evening at 11:30, by drinking carbolic acid. She died, despite the efforts of a doctor who was called immediately, at 12 o'clock.

Coroner C. H. Mitchell was called and, after questioning members of the girl's family, and her friend, Merle Tovrea, pronounced the death a plain case of suicide and called no inquest.

Miss Kirts and Tovrea had been in each other's company for over a year. Tovrea, according to his answers to Mitchell's questioning, had started to break up the friendship and had been seen with other girls. Miss Kirts had threatened several times to commit suicide, but neither Tovrea nor another who heard her threat, took it seriously.

A dance at Cumming Monday evening attracted both, and Miss Kirts asked Tovrea to take her to the home of her brother-in-law, Russell Duffy. He did, and they talked on the front porch. Being disturbed by cars pulling up in front, they went to the kitchen. Shortly after Tovrea bid the girl good-bye. As he was leaving he saw her raise a bottle to her lips and heard her scream for Duffy. Tovrea ran for a doctor, who was unable to save the girl's life.

Ruth Kirts is survived by her mother.

Obituary

[Indianola Tribune, Wednesday April 25, 1934]

Wilma Ruth Kirts, daughter of George and Bertha Kirts, was born at Cumming, March 22, 1917, and passed away April 2, 1934, at the early age of 17 years and 11 days.

All of her life was spent at Cumming where she completed the grade school. She entered Norwalk high school three years ago last fall.

She was an active and faithful Sunday school and church worker, having united with the church three years ago. She was always a happy and cheerful girl and was loved by everyone.

Besides her mother, she leaves to mourn their loss three sisters, Marianna Launsdail of Des Moines, Virginia Duffy and Jeanne; and four brothers, Harold, Donald, Boyd and Lynn. Her father preceded her in death September 17, 1928.