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Woman killed as train hits car

A Chessie Systems train smashed broadside into a 1978 Camaro Wednesday evening, killing a young Ft. Mitchell clerk-typist.

But where Elizabeth Flesch, 22, of 5 Pleasant Ridge Ave., was headed is a mystery to her parents.

Lights on

Miss Flesch was travelling southbound onto the crossing on Kemper Rd., east of Loveland-Madeira Rd. in Symmes Township, O., when the ~~train~~ ~~hit~~ ~~at~~ ~~8:55~~ ~~p.m.~~, said Hamilton County sheriff's deputies.

The westbound train, driven by

engineer Marvin Tanner, 55, Chillicothe, O., had its whistle and lights on, the sheriff's report said.

The train hit the Camaro and knocked it into an embankment.

Miss Flesch died in the emergency room at Bethesda North Hospital at 8:35 p.m., the Hamilton County coroner's office said.

The same train was involved in another collision with two cars about an hour later in Madeira, and three women were taken to the hospital.

Miss Flesch had been a clerk-typist in the consumer research department at the Kroger Co. since Oct. 31.

She lived with her parents, Richard and Inez Flesch. Flesch is passenger service manager for American Airlines.

"She had friends all over, which is why we don't know where she was going," Flesch, 51, told a reporter this morning at the family's two-story, wood-and-stone residence in the upper-class neighborhood.

"She loved everything—bowling, dancing, a good time."

Flesch said the family got a call at 9:15 p.m. from the hospital, telling them only that their daughter had been in an accident.

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"I can't give you any details—I can't think," said the distraught father.

A dispatcher at the Loveland, O., police station who was familiar with the accident site, said the crossing is at a hilly approach which can be hard to see. There are standard railroad crossing lights at the approach, said the dispatcher, who did not wish to be identified.

Madeira, O., police said the same Chessie train was involved in another collision with two cars six miles from the death scene, at 9:35 p.m., at Miami Ave. and Dawson Rd.

Ignored lights?

Ella Yost, 59, driver of one car, and Mary Hellrung, 46, driver of the second car, both of Cincinnati, were ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~hospital~~ ~~for~~ ~~treatment~~, as was a passenger in the Yost car, Alice Mays, 41, also of Cincinnati.

Madeira police said the women apparently disregarded flashing signals at the crossing.

A Chessie Systems trainmaster is en route from Chillicothe, O., to investigate, said Karl Carius, assistant superintendent at the Spring

Grove, O., terminal. Chessie officials locally refused further comment.

"She hadn't worked here long, but we all grew to love her," said co-worker Alice Arterburn at Kroger's. "She was very outgoing and did an excellent job at work."

Miss Flesch attended Blessed Sacrament School and graduated from Beechwood High School in 1974.

Her body was taken to the Hamilton County morgue, pending funeral arrangements.

Other survivors include brothers, Gary, 23, Prospect Point, Villa Hills; Richard, 20, a student at Murray State University; Joseph, 20, at home, a Northern Kentucky University student; and Mark, 15, a Blessed Sacrament student.

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Miss Elizabeth E., (Beth), beloved daughter of Richard G. and Inez M. Flesch, (nee Mayeux), dear sister of Gary M., Richard G., Joseph G. and Mark A. Flesch, residence 5 Pleasant Ridge Ave, Ft. Mitchell, Ky., Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1978, age 22 years. Mass of the Resurrection, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 at Blessed Sacrament Church. No visitation. Interment Tuesday, Dec, 19 at St. John Cemetery. Linnemann Funeral Home, Erlanger, in charge.