

# 'It's a great loss' Two teenage girls struck, killed by vehicle while walking home on rural road from get-together near Pakenham

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**Jennifer Miller, 16, of Arnprior, left, and Carlie-Lynn Fenton, 15, of Pakenham, died after being hit by a vehicle yesterday while walking with a third teenager along Kinburn Side Road. Carleton Place OPP say alcohol wasn't a factor in the incident....**

What began as a carefree evening for a group of teenagers ended tragically early yesterday when two girls were struck by a vehicle and killed as they walked home from a party.

Carlie-Lynn Fenton, 15, of Pakenham, and Jennifer Miller, 16, of Arnprior, were on their way home to Pakenham with a 17-year-old friend when the accident happened shortly after midnight.

Police say the two best friends and classmates at Arnprior District High School were walking south on Kinburn Side Road when they were hit by a

southbound Chrysler Pacifica. They were pronounced dead at the scene. The third teen was not injured. Dennis Shaver saw the scene unfold through the fog as he drove toward Pakenham just after 12:30 a. m.

"I saw the van's lights veer to the ditch. I thought maybe somebody hit a deer or something," Mr. Shaver said. "I wish it had been." He pulled over to do what he could to calm the chaos, directing traffic and comforting the third teen.

"She was shook up, really shook up," he said, adding the young woman was overcome with guilt and remorse after the crash.

"She said that she was the oldest one that was there and was supposed to be taking care of them."

The accident happened about a kilometre north of the historic stone bridge that leads into the quaint Mississippi Mills community.

Family and friends of both girls gathered at Carlie's grandparents' home in Pakenham as they struggled with the loss.

"We lost two great kids ... it's a great loss," said Carlie's uncle, Ron Coe.

“ It’s going to be tough for a few days. The community lost two great kids.”

Adrian Fuochi first heard of the girls’ deaths when he logged onto MSN Messenger yesterday morning, and said he couldn’t believe the news.

The 19- year- old has many fond memories of both girls, and knew Jennifer well.

When they were younger, she spent a lot of time at her aunt’s home, and since the Fuochi family lived just down the street, they became friends.

As a student at Arnprior District High School, Mr. Fuochi said he and both girls went to a lot of the same parties. He said they were friendly and energetic girls that liked to have fun.

His friend Nick Lyon, 17, knew Carlie best. “ She had lots of fun ( and) partied lots,” he said.

The girls were on their way home from a small get- together at a hunt camp at the time of accident.

Carleton Place OPP said alcohol was not a factor.

Many of the girls’ friends went online yesterday to post tributes and photos of the popular pair on Facebook.

“ The world just won’t be the same with out you two,” one of the girls’ male classmates concluded. “ I still can’t believe this happened.”

Another Arnprior District High School student said Jennifer was, “ an amazing friend.”

“ I honestly can’t even come to terms with the fact that your gone,” she wrote. “ I’m going to miss you so much.”

Carlie also was remembered as a bubbly, happy person. “ She was such a great friend to me,” wrote one of the 15- year- old’s many girlfriends.

That same friend used Facebook to tell the world of the special times the two shared, including “ all the good times in elementary school, all the talent shows we participated in together and ( her) birthday parties.”

Instead of going online, Matthew Montgomery rode his bike to the scene of the accident after his father told him what had happened.

As his eyes fixed on the deep skid marks torn into the roadway’s gravel shoulder, he recalled the happier days he had spent with Carlie.

“ We used to hang out ... after school,” he said. “ She was smart and fun — sometimes a little bit rowdy, but fun.”

As he reminisced, he suddenly found himself back on the elementary school playground.

“ I remember once I was running in the yard — this is at lunch hour — and I was doing summersaults in the snow,” he said. “ She told me to go do a backflip and I messed up horribly.”

A gentle smile crossed his face as he remembered that day, but he quickly turned sombre once more. “ That was a long time ago.”

A section of Kinburn Side Road was closed until 7 p. m. while police began to piece together the details of the tragedy. No charges have been laid in the ongoing investigation.

Families have said donations in memory of Carlie and Jennifer can be made to CHEO, while memorial services for the girls will be held tomorrow in Arnprior.

With files from William Lin