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# KEROSENE FIRE BURNS GIRL HERE FATALLY

## Joyce Ann Case Victim of An Explosion

Explosion of kerosene with which a fire was being made resulted in fatal burns to Joyce Ann Case, 12-year-old school girl, about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at her home, 1301 South Sharp Avenue. After the fire of her flaming clothing had been put out she was taken to Fitzgibbon Hospital in the city police car, where she died at 11:10 o'clock that night. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Case. Mr. Case is a roofing contractor.

Samuel Case, 14-year-old brother of Joyce Ann, was making the fire. He tilted a 5-gallon can of



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kerosene over the open stove and as soon as he began pouring the inflammable liquid into the stove the explosion occurred. Joyce Ann was sitting in a chair some distance from the stove. The whole room was a mass of flames immediately. Marvin Short, an adult second cousin, was in the room.

The blast of the explosion blow him through a door to the outside. He heard the girl in the room but could not enter because of the sheet of flame. He ran around the house with the intention of breaking a window and getting in that way but while he was doing that Joyce Ann ran out of the room. When she started running she slipped and fell on the floor, on which was much unburned kerosene which saturated her clothing and ignited.

### Smothered Fire With Quilts

The girl lay down on the ground and Short and her brother, Samuel, who was not badly burned and who had run out of the room immediately after the explosion, got quilts and other bed clothing to wrap around her for smothering the fire. They also carried her to a shallow ditch which had water in it. Samuel suffered only a burn on his left leg and scorched fingers.

Immediately after the explosion neighbors called the fire department and when Fire Chief Raymond Birch saw the condition of Joyce Ann he called the police car and Officers Nicholas, Foote and French took her to the hospital. Chief Birch said the whole interior of the house was burned and only the shell remains standing.

### In Temporary House

The family is occupying at present a temporary house by the side of the burned residence.

Joyce Ann was born February 22, 1935. In addition to members of her family already mentioned two sisters survive. They are Mrs. Martha Elliott of Slater and Mrs. Alice Staton of Napton.

Funeral services for Joyce Ann Case, whose tragic death occurred Wednesday, were conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Sweeney Funeral Home by Dr. Harvey Baker Smith, pastor of the Christian Church.

There was a large number in attendance. The sixth grade pupils of the Southeast school, of which class Joyce Ann was a member, with their teacher, Mrs. Ambrose Wilson, attended the service in a body. Girl Scouts in attendance also sat in a body.

The songs, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "In the Sweet by and Bye" were sung by Mrs. A. N. Ehrnman and Mrs. Frank Evans, accompanied by Mrs. Glenn Barnes.

In charge of the floral pieces

were Betty Lee Smith, Lucile Bacon, Ann Powers and Maxine Smith.

Burial was in the cemetery at the Shiloh Methodist Church. Serving as pallbearers were the following school friends, Ray Thompson, Glenn Case, Charles F. Niceley, Harry Hayslip, Thomas Hayslip and Jesse Glavin.