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Two women die in crash

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Two local women died Sunday when a minivan broadsided the car they were in at the intersection of Norbeck and Norwood roads, a new intersection near Spencerville that opened a few weeks ago.

Driver Vivian Byrd, 46, of Gaithersburg and passenger Tracy Clark, 36, of Olney were transported to local hospitals, where both died from their injuries.

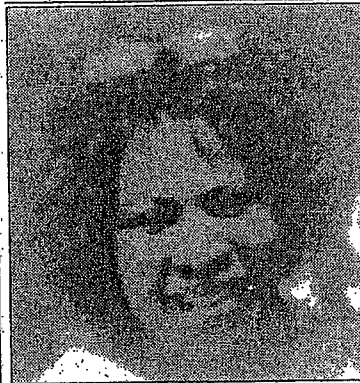
Shortly after 11 a.m., 52-year-old Burtonsville resident Chon Ok was driving her 2002 Toyota minivan westbound on Norwood Road when it struck Byrd's and Clark's 2001 Plymouth Neon that was traveling northbound on Norbeck Road, according to Montgomery County Police. Ok may have run a red light, police said.

Several children who were passengers in the cars were injured.

A 16-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl in the Neon were transported to area hospitals where they were treated and released. An 11-year-old girl also in the Neon was transported to Children's Hospital with non-life-threatening abdominal injuries.

Ok and a 4-year-old boy riding in the minivan were treated and released from local hospitals, but a 6-year-old girl in the minivan was transported to Children's Hospital for treatment of a broken leg.

The traffic signal was functioning normally, police spokeswoman Officer Joyce Utter said.



BYRD, VIVIAN L.
Departed this life suddenly on Sunday, January 5, 2003 at Montgomery General Hospital. Beloved daughter of Geraldine Withers and Nathaniel Toney; devoted mother of Stephen Withers, Courtney Jackson, Darrell Wheelless, Christian Byrd, Khari Jackson and Dachele Lee. She also leaves three grandchildren, Anise, Darnell and Iyana; three sisters, four brothers; her husband, Harry Jackson; four aunts, one uncle and a host of other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends at the Round Oak Missionary Baptist Church, 15812 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD on Saturday, January 11, from 9:30 a.m. until funeral services at 11 a.m. Rev. Lionel Polinter, officiating. Interment Ash Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by SNOWDEN FUNERAL HOME.

Van Hits Car, Killing Two

Two women were fatally injured and six other people hurt when a minivan ran a red light and struck an oncoming car in Montgomery County yesterday, police said.

The accident occurred about 11 a.m. in Spencerville at Norbeck and Norwood roads. Witnesses reported that the driver of a Toyota minivan, which was carrying two passengers, sped through a red light and hit a Geo Prism, said Lucille Baur, a spokeswoman for the Montgomery police department.

Two women riding in the front of the Prism suffered fatal injuries. Three children in the back of the car were also hurt, police said. Officials would not release the names of those involved or other details, saying the accident was under investigation.