

Karla (Mrs. Dennis) Messenger — April 3 - 1980

## AvoHa graduate killed in I-80 mishap Friday

**AVOCA** — Karla L. Messenger, a 1977 AvoHa high school graduate, was killed Friday (March 28) in a two-car collision on Interstate 80 near Dexter, Ia.

Iowa State Patrol said a car driven by the Avoca woman, 20, was westbound on I-80 when it went out of control, crossed the median, and hit an oncoming car driven by Gary Lincoln of Stuart. The Menlo Rescue Unit, en route from Des Moines, arrived at the scene shortly after the mishap.

Mrs. Messenger was pronounced dead-on-arrival at the Madison County Hospital in Winterset.

### AVOCA RESIDENT

Authorities said Mrs. Messenger, the former Karla Lane, spent the past 3½ years in Avoca. She was employed as a keypunch operator for a company in Des Moines.

Surviving are her husband, Dennis Messenger of Avoca; parents, the Russell Lanes of Sheldon, Ia.; sister, Kathy

Forret of Adel; and maternal grandparents, the Horace Dawsons of Runnells, Ia.

Funeral services were held Monday at the R.L.D.S. Church in Runnells, Ia., with burial in the Lowman Cemetery, Runnells.

Richards Funeral Home handled the arrangements in Carlisle, Ia.

The driver of the other vehicle involved, Lincoln was listed in critical condition last weekend at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.