

NANCY R. DUPREE

1952-1955

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Nancy R. Dupree was born to Marie Jeanette Redland Dupree December 3, 1952 (possibly Wyoming). Her mother was the daughter of Richard and Nellie Harvard Redland; she joined Jean Dupree and Eric Dupree, older sister and younger brother. Her life was short-lived and in a space of less than four years, Nancy passed away survived by her mother and siblings. It is believed that she died in Washakie County, WY—no record was found. Her mother was a war nurse and was employed at one time as Dr. Englemann's nurse in Worland, WY. Both siblings went to Ten Sleep high school and graduated from it.

My personal lack of knowledge of the child and the circumstances of her death are nil and it causes me to reflect on the small area and my own isolation in it regarding the little family. Fb

Girl, 4, Drowned in Irrigation Siphon, Is Buried; Ten Sleep Stunned by Tragedy

TEN SLEEP — Funeral services were held here yesterday for 4-year-old Nancy Dupree whose death Friday night by drowning after being sucked into an 8-inch irrigation siphon stunned this

small community over the week-end.

Friends, neighbors and relatives of little Nancy's family gathered at 2 p.m. at the Ten Sleep Methodist Church to hear the Rev. James Long of Worland intone the service for the dead.

The child, daughter of Mrs. Marie Dupree, died sometime Friday evening after she apparently fell into an irrigation ditch at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Redland, and was drawn into the siphon pipe by the force of the sucking water.

The child's body was so tightly wedged in the L-shaped siphon pipe that, even after a six-foot section was removed with the aid of acetylene torches, neighbors were unable to pull Nancy's tiny body out.

Three neighbors brought the section of pipe, the child's body entombed in it, down to Worland where Fire Chief E. H. (Swede) Oscarson and fireman L. J. Abbott worked nearly two hours cut-

ting the metal away from the child's body.

The only witness to the tragedy was Nancy's younger brother, Eric,

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2½, who, when Nancy was missed by her mother, kept saying "Nancy's in there" and pointing to the irrigation ditch.

As the search started, the water in the ditch was shut off and the search ended when rescuers realized that the child must be in the siphon pipe.

For Nancy's family, the tragedy was heightened by the fact that they had celebrated the fifth birthday of Nancy's older sister, Jeannie, with a gay party at the Redland home on the afternoon of Nancy's death.

The child had just finished her dinner and had been out playing for about five minutes apparently when she fell in the ditch.

Nancy's father, Joseph Dupree, was out of the country at the time of the tragedy. He is employed as a civilian worker on the South Pacific island of Guam.