

# Pickens County Coroner's Office

## News Release

**Incident Type:** Traffic Accident (Fatality)  
**Incident Date:** May 21, 2003  
**Incident Time:** 3:24 PM  
**Incident Location:** S. C. Highway 11 @ New Hope Road, Pickens, SC  
**Victim:** Edna K. "Peggy" Elrod, age 86  
125 Cely Lane Piedmont, SC

### **Incident Narrative:**

At the above date and time, Ms. Elrod, a passenger in a 4 door Oldsmobile sedan along with the driver and another occupant were leaving Aunt Sue's Country Store where New Hope Road and South Saluda Road intersect S. C. Highway 11. The Oldsmobile proceeded into the intersection where a 1999 Dodge Caravan traveling north toward Greenville County struck it. Deputy Coroner Kandy Kelley pronounced Ms. Elrod dead at the accident scene. The remaining occupants of the Oldsmobile and the driver (sole occupant) of the van were transported to Greenville Memorial Hospital for treatment. Their condition is unknown at the time of this news release. Ms. Elrod and the other occupants of the Oldsmobile were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. An autopsy is planned for Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to determine the exact cause of Ms. Elrod's death. Alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the accident.

This case is still under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Pickens County Coroner's Office.

Kandy C. Kelley, Deputy Coroner  
5/21/2003, 2045 hours