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Returned To Crash Scene

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Mrs. Abbe was born July 9, 1900 in Hopkins County. She and her family had resided in the Morton area for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Charles and Mitchell, both of Plainview; three sisters, Mrs. Ora Medlin, Bentonville, Ark., Mrs. Carrie Kirkpatrick, Springdale, Ark., and Mrs. Edith Cox, New York City; and one brother Marvin Coleman, Ackerly.

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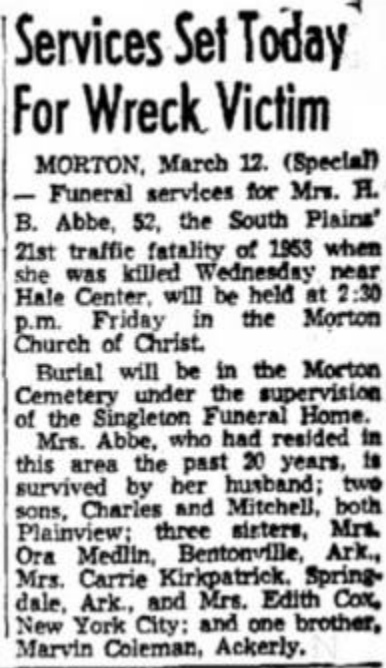
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