



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: January 1, 2021

Subject: Motorist dies in December 30, 2020 Crash on Hwy 82 near Glenwood Springs, CO.

Identity of Deceased: Diane Olson, 57-year-old female, Resident of Glenwood Springs, CO.

On January 1, 2021, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was notified that Diane Olson, a 57-year-old female, had died as a result of several blunt force injuries sustained in a December 30th crash on Hwy 82 near Glenwood Springs.

Following the crash, the Coroner's Office learned of Mrs. Olson's injuries and severity. The Coroner's Office learned that Mrs. Olson was undergoing a declaration of brain death on December 30, 2020. Following the brain death declaration, Mrs. Olson's family worked with Donor Alliance to proceed with organ donation. Mrs. Olson's donation of vital organs undoubtedly saved several other lives. The organ donation process took place early on January 1, 2021.

According to Donor Alliance, Colorado's organ and tissue procurement agency, one donor can save up to eight lives and help more than 75 people through donating tissue. I encourage all people to have a conversation about organ and tissue donation with their loved ones. To learn more about organ donation please visit donoralliance.org.

The Coroner's Office is investigating Mrs. Olson's manner of death as an accident and the cause of death as multiple blunt force injuries. The Coroner's Office would also like to express our condolences to the Olson Family and friends.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner