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**RUSSELL R. GARDINER**

The hilly, windy highway has been dubbed "Death

Alley" by local people.

According to Rehoboth Police Chief George Warish, the 5.4 mile stretch of road is a "roller coaster" that would have to be completely redesigned to be safe.

"What you need here is a whole reconstruction," Warish said. "Warning signs won't help."

Town officials have discussed improvements before, with one reconstruction idea calling for widening the road from two lanes to four. The cost of that project has stalled action on it.

#### With Mrs. Noons

The town of Rehoboth was shocked but accepting of Russell Gardiner's death.

"Everyone was surprised," said Diane Pimental of 128 Water St., whose daughter Brandy, 5, was injured in the crash. "We knew it would

happen, I guess, but it came as a shock anyway."

She said her daughter was upset at the news of her friend's death.

"She said he was a really, really nice kid," Mrs. Pimental said, adding that her daughter said "If he died and went to heaven, he'll be with Mrs. Noons. That was okay, she said."

Russell Gardiner's funeral will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Rehoboth Congregational Church on Bay State Road. Burial will be in Spring Vale Cemetery, East Providence, R.I.

He is survived by his parents, Russell and Adozinda Gardiner; a sister, Crystal Gardiner; his paternal grandmother, Bernice Gardiner-Estey; and his maternal grandfather Antonio R. Silveira of East Providence.

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