So many people have been killed over the years on the Highway 10 South hill that I've lost count, with the latest fatality occurring over the holiday weekend.

George W. Kelley, age 68, of the Beverly Hills Apartment Complex, in Lafayette, died on Sunday, May 27th. He was driving his 1998 Chevrolet Silverado up the hill towards town, along with his two dogs, when he veered off the right side of the roadway sometime before noon.

A report filed by the Tennessee Highway Patrol stated that Mr. Kelley traveled forty feet down the embankment, rolled his vehicle twice, then came to final rest on its wheels near the creek bed. No drinking or drugs were involved and he was out of the vehicle when investigating officer THP Trooper Gerald Carter arrived.

Rescue workers had to bring Mr. Kelley up the steep embankment on a stretcher and he was loaded into a waiting ambulance. Macon County EMS transported him to Macon County General Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

City & County Animal Control Officers, Gene Turner and Wayne Carver were called to the scene to get Mr. Kelley's two pets. The Chihuahua was pinned in between the seats and officers were able to free him and the Boxer was outside the vehicle.

Responding to the crash site were the Macon County Sheriffs Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Ambulance Service, Lafayette Fire Department, Macon County Rescue Squad, City & County Animal Control and the Macon County Chronicle.

Alexander Funeral Home, in Lafayette, is in charge of arrangements.