

LC Grad Dies in Florida Canal

Amber Piguet Filion, 43, a 1987 Lansdale Catholic grad, was found inside a car submerged in a canal in Plantation, Florida Friday afternoon

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A 1987 Lansdale Catholic graduate, St. Rose of Lima alumni and North Wales native has died in Plantation, Florida after her body was found inside a car that had careened into a canal, according to the Sun-Sentinel Newspaper.

Amber (Piguet) Filion, 43, of Davie, FL, and a co-worker, Joseph Stephenson, 51, were found inside a white Nissan Altima that was lifted out of the canal of Old Hiatus Road around 4:30 p.m., according to the article. According to Plantation Detective Robert Rettig, Filion and Stephenson had left a restaurant at 10:30 p.m. Thursday. Filion had texted she was heading home, according to the article. The couple mistakenly ended up on Old Hiatus Road instead of Hiatus Road. Old Hiatus Road is a dead-end, according to the article. While making a U-turn on a swale, the car slipped into the canal. A missing persons call was made to Davie Police at 11 p.m. Thursday.

A helicopter began searching the area Friday afternoon, according to the article. The sunken car was spotted around 2 p.m. near Old Hiatus Road and Tara Drive, north of I-595, according to the article.

Filion leaves behind a daughter, Stephanie, and a son, Nick.

Local residents and former classmates posted on Facebook over the loss of Filion.