

IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE!

"I was terrified and so were the children. You don't forget something like that — but we're trying our best to."

Those are the chilling words of 67-year-old Kathleen Horner, a woman who 35 years ago came face-to-face with what many believe was a creature from outer space. The eerie visitor became known as the Flatwoods Monster.

Even today, Mrs. Horner can describe the features etched into her memory by fear on that night of Sept. 12, 1952, in tiny Flatwoods, W. Va.

"It looked like a robot. It had a head like a spade on a playing card. There were orange-green looking eyes," she told *The NEWS*. "It made a hissing noise like bacon frying. There was a sickening metallic odor and gas was coming from it."

"It was hovering about 1½ feet over the ground and was 8 to 10 feet tall. Our two dogs wouldn't go near it. I was terrified and so were the children. When it started to glide toward us, we ran off."

Mrs. Horner, who was then Kathleen May, her two young sons and four other boys were the only eyewitnesses to the shocking appearance of the Flatwoods Monster.

It was 7:15 p.m. and hundreds of area residents spotted the meteor-like object zoom across the sky. Four boys, the oldest was 14, were playing football and saw the orange-glowing, saucer-shaped object land in the hills nearby. On their way to investigate, they passed Mrs. Horner's house and she and her two sons went along.

Following a path around the hill, the seven suddenly came face-to-face with a heart-stopping sight. A huge, man-like

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thing hovered above the ground!

"It had a bright red face, bright green clothing, a head which resembled the ace of spades and its clothing from the waist down hung in great folds," Mrs. Horner said.

She said the government later sent a letter to the local paper's editor.

"It said that it was a space ship the Navy Department was building to send to the moon and there was supposed to be two passengers on board," she told *The NEWS*.

Mrs. Horner doesn't know what the creature was, but she believes it was a robot of some kind.

A prominent investigator, Ivan Sanderson, probed the Flatwoods incident and believes the glowing object was an alien spacecraft, one of five UFOs sighted along the Eastern Seaboard that night.

"The one that reached Flatwoods landed, rather than crashed, and its 'pilot' managed to get out before it disintegrated," Sanderson said.

Sanderson believes something in the earth's atmosphere caused the spacecraft and pilot to disintegrate without a trace.