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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. ([WSMV/Gray News](#)) - A woman who was critically injured during a “freak accident” in the parking lot of a Tennessee steakhouse has died, according to the Murfreesboro Police Department.

Police report that the woman who was injured in the parking lot of a Longhorn Steakhouse on Dec. 23 later died on Dec. 28 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.



The victim was identified by police as a 61-year-old woman from Virginia.(Murfreesboro TN Police Department)

She's been identified by police as 61-year-old Cathy Pendergrass, of Warrenton, Virginia.

Police said a woman in a Honda CRV, which was modified for use as a mail carrier vehicle with an accelerator and brake on the passenger side, was backing out of a parking space to allow a man in a wheelchair to get in.

He was being helped in by another woman, later identified as Pendergrass, because he recently suffered a stroke and had no feeling in his left side.

As the man was getting in, he [accidentally hit the gas pedal](#) on the passenger side. That caused the vehicle to reverse, spin “out of control” and then hit another vehicle.



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Pendergrass was then pinned between the two vehicles.

Police said the SUV continued in reverse and crashed into two more cars before stopping.

The other woman and the man were not hurt.

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