

## **Nicola Martin - 2 Years Old**

Anchorage, Alaska  
Mauled to death by wolf hybrid

### **Anchorage Daily News**

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### **Girl Attacked By Dog Dies After Frantic Race To Hospital**

Hunched over in the cab of a speeding pickup truck, Gene Martin and his friend, Harold Schumacher, were trying to keep Martin's 2 1/2-year-old daughter alive. So much blood had already been lost through the dog bite in her neck. Behind the wheel, Melva Larkin swerved and honked the horn and flashed the lights. She had 20 long miles to go to reach Valley Hospital in Palmer, and Saturday evening traffic was giving her little leeway. Other drivers couldn't have known that Nicola Martin lay...

### **The Seattle Times**

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