

RAYMOND E. GUILD

WISCASSET — Funeral services for Raymond E. Guild, 21, of the Old Stage Rd., who died of accidental drowning Monday afternoon at Litchfield Town gravel pit, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Cowley Funeral Home, Middle St.

According to Kennebec County Sheriff's Department, Guild and a friend, Roger L. Dunning, went to the gravel pit with a load of rubbish, and asked the attendant for the location of the nearest swimming hole. The attendant told them about the gravel pit. The two men reportedly did not ask for directions to Angel Pond, only a short distance away, but swam in the pit measuring about 110 by 100 by 70 feet and 15 to 20 feet deep.

The Sheriff's Department reported Dunning said Guild had swam out about 35 feet when he developed cramps, and Dunning swam to get hold of Guild. But when Dunning tried to stand up in the water, he sank to his knees in mud, and when attempting to regain his balance, lost his grip on Guild. When Guild sank into the water, Dunning went for help.

Johnny Deschaine of Litchfield, staying at a cottage nearby, made several unsuccessful attempts to find the body, the Sheriff's Department said.

Guild's body was recovered by Bert Bushey, scuba diver for Ace Ambulance Service of Lewiston, in about 15 feet of water about where Dunning said Guild had gone down.

Dr. Henry Brann, Augusta, Kennebec County Medical Examiner, pronounced Guild dead of accidental drowning.

Dunning told the medical examiner that guild has been treated for heart trouble in the past. The body was taken to a Hallowell Funeral Home and later was transferred to Wiscasset.

Guild was born in Wiscasset June 14, 1947, the son of Charles and Madeline Grover Guild. He attended Wiscasset schools and was a member of the Woolwich-Wiscasset Baptist Church.

The Rev. Carl Stevens, pastor of the church, will officiate at the funeral and burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery here.

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