

Swimmer drowns in quarry

A 23-year-old Franklin man drowned late yesterday afternoon while swimming across a cove in an abandoned rock quarry in northeast Simpson County near Interstate 65.

David Farmer of the Hunter Trailer Court drowned about 2:15 p.m. His body was recovered at 6:35 in about 20 to 25 feet of water by William Stinson of the Simpson County Rescue Squad and Carl Rapisardi of the Warren County Rescue Squad. Stinson and Rapisardi, both skin divers, located the body about five minutes after entering the water.

Sheriff John Belcher said he was told Farmer, his wife, Brenda, and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Poynter of Indianapolis, were all at the quarry. Farmer apparently started swimming across the cove and suffered cramps.

Belcher said he understood Poynter attempted to rescue Farmer but could not get to him in time. Farmer's body was located an estimated 40 feet from where he started swimming and about 15 feet from the quarry wall near I-65.

Others taking part in the rescue operation in addition to Belcher, Stinson and Rapisardi were Deputy Sheriff J. C. Cardwell, State Trooper Jackie Patter-

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son and other members of the Simpson and Warren County rescue squads.

Farmer was an employee of the Kendall Company.

The body is at Booker Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at Booker Funeral Home. Rev. Jimmy Suttle will officiate. Burial will be at Greenlawn.

Farmer is survived by his wife, Mrs. Brenda Kay Suiter Farmer; one son, David Wayne Farmer of Franklin; his mother, Mrs. Lena Stewart Farmer of Franklin, and one sister, Mrs. Shelby Jean Poynter of Indianapolis.

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