

# Walcott man drowns in Bettendorf quarry

BETTENDORF — Bettendorf police officers assisted by Scott County sheriff's deputies recovered the body of a rural Walcott man who drowned in a rock quarry in Bettendorf early this morning.

The drowning of Daniel D. Keasling, 26, of rural Walcott in the abandoned Crow Creek Quarry in Bettendorf, marked the first drowning death ever within the city limits of Bettendorf.

A spokesman for the Bettendorf police department said officers were notified at 12:18 that a man had apparently drowned in the quarry.

A woman acquaintance had allegedly told the man of the mishap and he in turn notified police authorities.

Keasling's body was recovered at 4:44 this morning.

Dr. C. M. Updegraff, assistant Scott County medical examiner said the quarry was posted as a no-swimming area.

Funeral services for Mr. Keasling will be in the Reece Funeral Home in Ottumwa.

Burial will also be in Ottumwa.

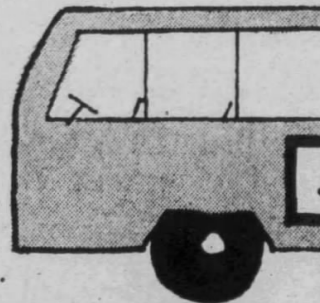
Mr. Keasling was born June 13, 1947, in Ottumwa.

He was employed as a construction worker.

Survivors include his parents; three brothers, Larry of Bettendorf, and Tim and John, both of Garden Grove,

Calif.; five sisters, Mrs. Dorothy McNelly and Christine, both of Ottumwa; Maxine of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Larry Swain and Teresa, both of California, and a grandmother, Mrs. Neil Fortney of Calif.

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