

Fayetteville man drowns in quarry that claimed his brother's life in '75

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A Fayetteville man drowned Saturday in Edenville Quarry, the site where one of his brothers died 15 years ago.

Patrick F. McMinn, 31, of 357 W. Main St., was pronounced dead at 5:16 p.m. at Chambersburg Hospital. He died of asphyxia due to drowning, according to Franklin County Coroner Kenneth L. Peiffer Jr.

McMinn had jumped into the quarry from a 30- to 40-foot cliff.

Franklin Fire Company Assistant Chief Jeffrey Clopper said McMinn landed on his back when he hit the water. McMinn was under water for about six minutes before being pulled to the surface, Clopper said.

McMinn was brought to land by a friend and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was started. Emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene at 3:44 p.m. and they continued CPR when they arrived.

After Medic 1 arrived on the

scene, an oxygen mask and back board were brought 150 feet across the water to an area below the cliff where McMinn was being treated. The board was put through an inner tube and rescue personnel brought McMinn to an ambulance across the quarry on the floating board. He was taken to the hospital at 4:36 p.m.

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Fifteen years ago, McMinn's brother, Michael McMinn, 22, drowned in the same quarry. Michael McMinn was swimming with some friends when he attempted to cross the quarry. When he was about 30 feet from the east shore, he suddenly disappeared from the surface, according to police.

Friends attempted to save Michael McMinn, but failed to locate him. A scuba diving instructor arrived at the scene about one hour after the 6:15 p.m. incident on May 12, 1975. The body was recovered three minutes later in about 20 feet of water, police said.

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