

JONES GIRL DROWNS IN ABANDONED QUARRY SATURDAY

Mary Jo Jones, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Jones, Whiteford, Maryland, was drowned Saturday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock when she fell into an abandoned quarry near her home.

The child, accompanied by her twin-brother, Jack, and cousin Barbara Jones, went to the quarry to play. They were throwing stones into the water, which is 35 feet deep, when Mary Jo slipped and fell into the water.

When she came to the surface the two children on the edge of the quarry shoved planks out to her but she was unable to obtain a grip on the wet and slippery planks. The children then ran to Mary Jo's home and told her mother about what happened. Mrs. Jones summoned a neighbor, Rev. Paul Jones, pastor of the Cambria Methodist church, who went to the quarry and dove into the water numerous times in an effort to locate the child.

Grappling hooks were secured from the fire company and rescuers located her body on a ledge 10 feet under water 45 minutes later. Rev. Jones applied artificial respiration and called Drs. J. A. Hunt and Benjamin Dorogi, who in turn summoned the pulmonologist of the Maryland State police. The child was taken in the Delta Fire company ambulance to the Havre de Grace hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

In addition to the parents and twin-brother also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Clara Knight, Baltimore; Mrs. Hazel Lloyd, Cardiff; and Mrs. Anna Seaman, Baltimore; three brothers, Sgt. Harold W. Jones, serving on Iwo Jima; G. Kenneth Jones and Garry Lee, both at home. A brother, 1st Lt. Edward Jones was killed in action in November on an island in the South Pacific.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cambria-Methodist church. Rev. Paul Jones, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Malcolm Wright, former pastor. Interment was made in the Slate Ridge cemetery. Funeral director H. P. Harkins had charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were: Robert Scarborough, Henry Norris, Marshall Heans, William Day, Francis McGuigan and Milton Walker. The many floral tributes were carried by 12 girl school mates of the deceased.

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