

## Tamaqua Native Drowns In Abandoned Quarry

Clair Kleckner, 68, of Wernersville, a Tamaqua native, drowned in an abandoned quarry at the rear of his home on Friday night. His body was recovered in 25 feet of water by a scuba diver called to the quarry by police.

Kleckner told his wife, Jennie, he was going for a swim in the quarry. Mrs. Kleckner notified a neighbor, Harold W. Strause, who tried to prevent him from entering the quarry when he saw him standing on a rock at the edge, clad in undershorts and stockings. Although he placed a 12-foot ladder in the water for Kleckner to grab, the victim was out of sight after he surfaced but once.

He was employed as a blacksmith at Wernersville State Hospital before retirement. Surviving with his wife are a sister and two brothers in Tamaqua.

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