

E. Longmeadow Boy, 11, Drowns

Donald R. Page, Jr., 11, son of Donald R. and Virginia (LaBorde) Page of 137 Pease Rd., East Longmeadow, drowned in an abandoned quarry near his home late Thursday afternoon.

According to police, young Page and a friend from East Springfield, Donald Smith, fell off a homemade raft into the water.

Chip Harris, 14, of 191 Pease Rd. saw the boys fall into the water, jumped in and pulled Smith to shore, then returned to hunt for Page, who had gone from sight. He was unable to find him.

Harris then ran home and asked his mother to call police.

The Page boy's body was recovered from the quarry about an hour later by firemen using a boat and grappling hooks.

Patrolmen Robert Rowland and Joseph Merton answered the emergency call at 5.30 in the police cruiser with the resuscitator.

The fire alarm sounded about the same time for a boat to be sent to the scene.

The boy's body was recovered in about 15 feet of water. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Norman Yosko.

The quarry is near the intersection of Pease Rd. and Lee St.

The Fire Department search was directed by Chief Mark Bourgeois and Deputy Chief Ray Jones.

Young Page was born in Springfield on Jan. 3, 1952, and was a student at Mountainview School, East Longmeadow. He was a member of Park Memorial Baptist Church of Springfield.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Scott A.; three sisters, Barbara Ann, Cheryl Ann, and Cherylyn Ann, all at home; his paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Page of this city; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Page of this city; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. LaBorde of this city.

The funeral will be held in Park Memorial Baptist Church on Monday at 2 p. m. Rev. Herschel W. Rogers will officiate. Burial will be in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Visiting hours at Byron funeral home