

Young Man Drowns In Lake Ellen

A Silver Creek resident drowned Sunday when he stepped off a sandbar into 28 feet of water in Lake Ellen near Cascade.

The victim was Alvin A. Janz Jr., 22, a son of Alvin Sr. and Norma Janz, whose body was recovered by a Sheboygan County sheriff's department scuba diver nearly two hours later.

It was the first drowning in the county since June 11, 1964, when a young girl lost her life while swimming at the Sheboygan Quarry.

Authorities said Janz, reportedly a poor swimmer, was on the sand bar just south of the Harbor Lights Resort with four

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girls, Jane Zuengler, 17, Adell; Marilyn Bach, 15, Terry Weber, 18, and Gail Merkel, 18, all of R. 1, Random Lake.

They were waiting for a boat to pull Miss Bach on water skis.

The girls said Janz was advised to "go back" because of the deep water. His reply was that he could swim "a little."

Moments later, Janz yelled for help, then disappeared.

The body was recovered about 4:20 p.m. by Charles Daniels of Sheboygan, one of five scuba divers who took part in the search.

Born July 22, 1942, at West Bend, Mr. Janz was employed at the Weasler Engineering Co. at West Bend, and served in the U.S. Army from March through December, 1964.

Besides his parents, survivors are three brothers, Donald, Ronald and Harlan, all at home; four sisters, Linda at home, Diana and Judith of Milwaukee, Mrs. Richard (Sharon) Schueler of Port Washington; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Janz of Kewaskum, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Clara Lara Groth of West Bend.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at Silver Creek.

The Rev. Duane Budach, pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Washington County Memorial Park in West Bend.

Friends may call at the Wilk Funeral Home in Random Lake until 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the church from noon until the services.