

Soldier's Bride Of 4 Days Drowns In Logan Quarry

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RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. — Twelve days before Christmas, 1965, Charles Douglas Moore volunteered to serve in the United States Army. Later, while facing death daily on the battlefields of Vietnam, he received word that his wife, a native of New Mexico, had been killed in an automobile accident.

On Sept. 15, 1968, Moore re-enlisted. Today, after two tours of duty totaling 16 months in Vietnam, death and sorrow are not strangers to him.

When 22-year-old Spec. 5 Moore came home on Sunday, June 22, he thought he had left death and the memories of death in the jungles and rice paddies of a tiny, steaming Southeast Asian country.

Wednesday, he will attend the funeral of his bride of four days, Sara Jo Hankins Moore, who drowned while wading in a pool in an abandoned rock quarry Monday afternoon.

When Moore arrived in his hometown of Epley Station, he and Sara Jo had been planning their marriage for over a year.

"They had been wanting to get married ever since before he went overseas," Sara Jo's brother recalled today.

The couple was married by Logan County Judge Homer Dorris in the Logan County Courthouse in Russellville last Friday. He was 22, she 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore had been man and wife for four days Monday, when he received Army pay from Ft. Campbell and decided to take the money and pay some bills the young couple had accumulated.

Sara Jo wanted to go swimming with her sister and three friends.

Moore did not learn until later that neither his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joyce Parks, nor any of the

other three who watched helplessly while Sara Jo Drowned, could swim.

The pool at the abandoned quarry behind Antioch Church, Logan County Deputy Sheriff Clyde Darden said today, is "a swimming hole, a baptizing hole and also deep."

Her companions told the sheriff's officers that Sara Jo was "wading" when she "went in over her head" about 3 p.m. Monday. A Russellville diver, Bernice Cox, recovered the body about an hour later.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mayfield and Son Funeral Home in Russellville.

Besides her husband and sister, Sara Jo is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lela Hankins, Russellville another sister, Mrs. Gene Ramsey, Hopkinsville, and three brothers, Wilson, Ray, and Harold Hankins, all of Russellville.

Moore is scheduled to be

Hospital Administrator 'Satisfactory'

Dr. J.T. Gilbert today said Blake Clark's condition is "satisfactory."

Clark, administrator of city-county hospital, was hospitalized Monday night following an apparent heart attack.

Youth Listed In Good Condition

Larry O'Neal Sweatt, 18, of 302 Chestnut St., today was listed in good condition at City-County Hospital after he injured his knee while at the State Street Recreation Area. Monday. He is the son of Freeman Sweatt, of the same address.

assigned to Ft. Bliss, Tex., where for the second time he will be on assignment with painful memories of home, after death followed him across an ocean to a swimming hole, a baptizin' hole.

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