

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Donald E. Stairs

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 pm from the Pickens funeral home at Lake Odessa and burial was at Woodland Memorial 81 cemetery.

77 E. Canfield, Detroit



Donald Eugene Stairs 17, who would have been a member of the senior class at Vermontville drowned Sunday afternoon shortly after 3:00 pm., in Jordan Lake, Lake Odessa. Donald was a cousin to the three Benner children of rural Hastings who were killed in an auto accident Thursday. Mr and Mrs Robert Benner had taken Donald to the home of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Clarence Birman, with their only surviving child, Clarence 15 to visit.

Donald, who could not swim, was trying to wade from one raft to another, suddenly slipped over the drop off. According to other swimmers he seemed to fight off two younger swimmers who came to his aid. His body was not recovered until 7:11 pm.

He was born May 17, 1945 in Lansing, the son of Richard and Kathryn (Birman) Stairs. He entered Vermontville Community School in February 1958 when his parents moved to R1 Vermontville. In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is survived by his sister Louise 13, and two brothers, David 14 and Richard Jr 11 at home.

Death Takes Pioneer Resident, Roy Richard



Roy L. Richard

Funeral services were held for Roy L. Richard, age 90, August 17 from Mapes Funeral home in Sunfield. Mr Richard, a retired blacksmith and farmer, passed away August 14 at the home of his son, Wayne, of near Sunfield.

Mr Richard was born July 7, 1872 in Sunfield township, the son of George and Mary (Baker) Richard. He lived his entire life in Sunfield township and he was raised on a farm what is now the village of Sunfield. At one time Mr Richard operated a blacksmith shop on the corner of Second and Washington streets. He sold his business in 1900 and went to farming; having lived on two different farms on M-43. About six years ago he sold his farm and lived a few months at a time with each of his children and their families.

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