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FUNERAL FOR LAKE VICTIM ON WEDNESDAY

Forest Eugene Myers, 23, Meets Death At Rome City Sunday

Funeral services for Forest Eugene Myers, 23, 1308 Fairfield Avenue, who was drowned at Sylvan Lake, Rome City, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Rodenbeck-Trier Funeral Home. The Rev. S. A. Wells, pastor of the Calvary United Brethren Church, will officiate and interment will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Myers, who was reported not to be able to swim, had been in the water near the bathing beach with Jack Koontz, 19, residing at the YMCA, who had been diving from a boat. Koontz missed Myers and immediately spread the alarm. No one saw Myers go down.

(Missing type)....effort to find the youth and State Policeman John Herzog and Russell Lindsey and others in boats dragged the lake bottom. Robert Adams, 26, and William Huff, 16, both of Rome City, recovered the body in 15 feet of water half an hour after Myers was last seen.

EFFORTS TO REVIVE FUTILE

The Kendallville Fire Department provided resuscitator equipment but efforts to revive the youth failed. Dr. John D. Hall of Kendallville, Noble County coroner, pronounced death due to accidental drowning.

The body was taken to the L. E. Berhalter & Son Mortuary at Kendallville, and later to the Rodenbeck-Trier Funeral Home here.

Myers was born at Decatur and came to Fort Wayne with his parents in 1928. The youth, who was employed at the plant of the Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation, was graduated from Ce?? High School in 1938. He was a member of the Calvary United Brethren Church and of Local No. 902, United Electrical and Radio Workers (cut off)

...first drowning victim of the Summer season, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers. Surviving besides them are a brother, Willard Myers, at home, and two sisters, Mrs. Virgil Cox and Mrs. Rowena Walters, both of Fort Wayne.

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