

Dec 31, 1983

Ricky Gerald Holmes, 16

Services for Ricky Gerald Holmes of Harlan will be held at 11 a.m. today (Saturday) at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery.

Holmes, 16, died of a gunshot wound from a .22 rifle suffered Wednesday at his home at 806 Market St., Harlan. Investigators said the wound was apparently self-inflicted.

Shelby County Medical Examiner Dr. R. D. Harris estimated the shooting occurred between 10 and 10:30 a.m. The body was discovered by the boy's stepfather, David Horney, in the youth's bedroom at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Holmes was born in Harlan, attended kindergarten at Newton, Ia., and resided in the Avoca area from 1974-'80 before moving with his family to Harlan. He was a Harlan Community High School sophomore.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. David Horney of Harlan; father, Richard Holmes of Cypress, Calif.; two brothers - Raymond Holmes, Creston, and Richard Lee Holmes, Shelby; two sisters - Sandy Holmes, Spencer, and Kathy Holmes, Rock Valley, Ia.; and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hilda Anthony of Harlan.

Investigating the incident were Chief Ron Rose and Sgt. Brad McQueen of the Harlan Police Department, and Sheriff Orrell Gearhart and Chief Deputy Gene Cavenaugh of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.