

Kaylene Marie Rasmussen, 19-month-old daughter of the Ricky Jon Rasmussens, drowned Sunday evening on her parents' farm three miles northwest of Jacksonville.

The body was found about 6:30 p.m. in approximately a 9-ft sludge pit located in Rasmussen's dairy barn, according to Shelby County Sheriff Orrell Gearhart.

Irwin Rescue Unit and Shelby County Medical Examiner Dr. R. D. Harris also were called to the scene two miles west and one mile north of Jacksonville.

Gearhart said Rasmussen was aboard a tractor and had been doing some yard work. The child had been playing in the area.

Just a few minutes had elapsed when Rasmussen discovered the child had disappeared. The family immediately notified authorities. A short time later, Rasmussen found his daughter. Gearhart said death was probably instantaneous.

Gearhart described the pit as "not one of those that you could accidentally fall into."

The sheriff speculated that the child may have pulled open a tube-pipe gate or crawled through it. Most of the pit was screened, he said.

"It's not like you could walk over and accidentally fall into it. . . you couldn't do that," said Gearhart. "You'd have to try to get into it."

RASMUSSEN, Kaylene Marie
death notice

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SERVICES TODAY

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Burial will be in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Surviving besides her parents, Ricky and Zeliana Rasmussen, are: one brother, Corey, at home; maternal grandparents, the Charles Moores of Cumberland, Ia.; paternal grandparents, the John H. Rasmussens of Harlan; and two paternal great-grandmothers, Matie Larson and Lilly Rasmussen, both of Harlan.

Pauley Funeral Home is handling the arrangements in Harlan.

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