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Former Earling Resident Drowns At Ripley, Iowa

Earling — Kenneth Stracke, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfonse Stracke, former Earling residents, drowned while swimming in a gravel pit at Ripley, Iowa, Sunday. The Strackes live at Perry.

His parents witnessed the tragedy. A 3-hour search was made before the body was recovered.

Earling people who were called to Perry because of the accident were: Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bissen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katzer, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Behrendt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pauley, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bruck and Sylvan Bissen.

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Funeral services for
Kenneth

H. Stracke, 15, son of Mr and Mrs. Alfonse Stracke of northwest of Perry was held on Wednesday morning, June 20, at St. Patrick's church at Perry and burial at the Violet cemetery at Perry.

The solemn high Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Peter A. Bissen of Earling. He was assisted by the Rev. N. A. Gaul of Portsmouth and the Rev. Dana-hue, pastor of St. Patrick's church, who also delivered the funeral sermon.

Serving as casket bearers were Leo Ruggle, Larry McCarty, John Kautzky, Delbert Bruch, Eldred Reisez and Urban Katzer.

Kenneth was born at Harlan on Feb. 14, 1936, and attended St. Patrick's school where he was active in school activities.

Survivors include his parents, three sisters Henrietta, Marie and Fern and three brothers, Eldon, Donald and Marvin all at home and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bissen and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stracke of Defiance.