

Harlan man dies in house fire

HARLAN -- An 88-year-old Harlan man died Saturday, June 15 as a result of injuries sustained in a house fire.

Bernard Wolf, 1013 Durant St., was transported to Myrtue Medical Center, where he later died, after being rescued from the home.

According to reports, the Harlan Fire Department was called to the home at approximately 4:15 p.m. Wolf was found trapped in the basement of the home, where the fire originally started. Harlan Fire Chief Roger Bissen said the fire apparently started while Wolf was utilizing a torch that malfunctioned.

Damage to the home was minimal, limited mostly to wiring. Harlan firefighters were assist-

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Crews on the scene of a fatal house fire in Harlan Saturday afternoon. Officials blocked off the street and cleared the house of smoke. Bernard Wolf, 88, died from injuries sustained in the fire. (Photo by Maia Zewert)

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ed at the scene by the Westphalia Fire Department, Avoca Fire Department, Defiance Fire Department, Medivac Ambulance/Rescue, Harlan Police Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

Also assisting was the American Red Cross, which is helping the family. Comfort, care, food and shelter have been provided to residents based on need. The Red Cross also provided hydration to the local firefighters. A team of two volunteers from the Red Cross responded to the fire.

Services for Wolf will be held Thursday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Harlan with burial in the Linden Cemetery at Rockport, Mo. Friends may call Wednesday, June 19 from 1-9 p.m., with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m., at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan.

Wolf is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Harlan; son Mike (Erin) Wolf of Glidden; daughter Deborah (Stephen) Jurshak of Murray; sisters Myrtle (Kenneth) Mapes of Omaha, Clara Van Cleave of Millard, NE and Dorothy Shears of Syracuse, NE; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She is survived by her son, Colton Benson Blaine.