

Byron Will

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Swimmer Dies in Bedford Twp.

Goes Under Suddenly; Autopsy Planned

A 15-year-old Bedford Township, Michigan, youth died yesterday while swimming at Sunset Acres, a commercial swimming site on M-151 west of Douglas Rd. in Bedford.

Byron Will, 1047 Sterns Rd., was pronounced dead at St. Vincent's Hospital. Dr. Harry Mignerey, Lucas County Coroner, said he would have an autopsy today to determine the cause of death.

Goes Under Suddenly

Trooper Robert Jeffreys of the Michigan State Police post at Erie said Byron, known as a good swimmer, was stroking toward a raft with a companion when he disappeared from sight about 30 feet offshore in 15 feet of water. His friend, Robin Saam, 15, 5933 Summit St., Sylvania, said Byron went under water without warning or apparent reason.

A lifeguard, Herman Yentz, 15, Monroe, Mich., recovered the boy in eight minutes in the general area in which he submerged. Trooper Robert Moore applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until the township fire department arrived with an inhalator but efforts to revive the youth were futile.

Dr. Mignerey said he did not suspect foul play but that he was not satisfied that death was caused by drowning.

Born in Baltimore

Born in Baltimore, Byron was a Bedford resident seven years. He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses and would have been a junior in Bedford High School in the fall.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Maxine Lambrose, Bedford; father Howard Will, Baltimore; stepfather, John Lambrose, Bedford; sisters, April, Leah, and Rita, at home; and grandparents, Mr. And Mrs. Irvin Munson, Glouster, O.

The body will be in the Foth Mortuary tonight after 7. Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the mortuary, with burial in Toledo Memorial Park.

Please make an entry in the [Guest Book](#) to offer your personal memories, recollections and experiences with Byron. Others would really like to hear from you.

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