

Bernard R. Conley

Occupant Name: Bernard R. Conley

Location: **Section Z, Lot 6**

Date of Birth: 11/13/1964

Date of Death: 6/16/1973

Date of Burial: 6/19/1973

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: B. Conley

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Two boys were killed Saturday, June 16, when a sand bank caved in upon them on a farm near Vallonia.

Suffocated were Bernard Conley, 8, Bloomington Rt. 7, and Ricky Zink, 11, Brownstown Rt. 2. According to County Police they were digging a tunnel in a bank near the Zink boy's home when the ground engulfed them.

The Conley boy was staying at a farm owned by John Sundergelt, Brownstown Rt. 2. Sundergelt discovered the cave-in about 7 p.m. Saturday.

Sundergelt told police he was driving along the lane when he saw the boys' shoes lying on the sand bank and saw that a portion of the bank had caved in.

According to police, Sundergelt ran back to the house and told his wife to call the Sheriff. Then he ran back to the cave-in and began digging in search of the children, assisted by a neighbor, Scott Fordice.

When authorities arrived, the bodies had been recovered, and Keith Burkholder, Jackson County Coroner, confirmed that the boys were dead.

Bernard Reed Conley was born in West Liberty, Ky., on Nov. 13, 1964.

He was the son of Estle Conley and the late Marguerite Triplet Conley, who died May 12, 1972.

Besides the father, other survivors are 2 brothers: Rodney V. Conley, Bloomington Rt. 7; Normel G. Conley, with the U.S. Marine Corps at Cherry Point, N. C.; a sister: Mrs. William (Patricia) Henson, Bloomington Rt. 7.

Services were held Tuesday morning at the Spurgeon Funeral Home, Brownstown, with the Rev. Charles Clark of the Brownstown Apostolic Church officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown.