

Merrill "Pete" Stewart

Occupant Name: Merrill "Pete" Stewart

Location: **Section Z, Lot 2**

Date of Birth: 11/19/1929

Date of Death: 6/29/1985

Date of Burial: 7/2/1985

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: M. Stewart

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Merrill Stewart

Merrill E. "Pete" Stewart, 55, was found dead at his home at 234 E. 13th St. in Seymour by his daughter and son-in-law at 2:34 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

Death was attributed to a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, said Dr. George Weir, a Jackson County deputy coroner and pathologist at the hospital in Seymour.

He said death had occurred 12 to 16 hours before the body was found. Det. Sgt. Brent Goben of Seymour city police investigated.

Mr. Stewart had been employed 35 years in the shipping department at Cosco Inc., formerly Hamilton-Cosco, at Columbus.

The Rev. William E. Dailey conducted the funeral Tuesday, July 2, at Voss Funeral Home in Seymour with burial at Fairview Cemetery at Brownstown.

Mr. Stewart was born Nov. 19, 1929, in Seymour to the late Edward P. and Bertie R. Day Stewart. He was a lifelong Jackson County resident. He first married the former Dolores Wivle, who died in 1962. He next married the former Ruth Cockerham on Feb. 13, 1953, and she died Nov. 9, 1972. He later married the former Donyala Graham on April 20, 1974, and she survives.

Also surviving are five children, Regina and Danny Eugene Stewart, both at home, William Eugene Stewart and Mrs. James (Carol Jane) Cole, both of Seymour, and Mrs. Earl (Mary Anna) Colvin of Little Acres at Seymour Rt. 4; a brother, Robert D. Stewart of North Vernon; three sisters, Ruth "Dolly" Smith and Mrs. J.C. (Mary) Cockerham, both of Seymour, and Mrs. Jacob (Doris) Martin of Seymour Rt. 2; and a half-sister, Mildred Smith of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by a brother, a half-brother and a sister.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Seymour and of a teamsters union local.

Memorials may be made in the form of donations to the American Heart Assn. or to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children at Cincinnati, Ohio.