

Harry M. Waskom

Occupant Name: Harry M. Waskom

Location: **Section W, Lot 14**

Date of Birth: 2/1/1911

Date of Death: 4/14/1967

Date of Burial: 4/17/1967

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Harry Waskom

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

Fishermen Wore Life Preservers

Both Jackson County fishermen who drowned in Lake Monroe Friday afternoon wore life preservers, but the condition of the water apparently prevented the jackets from functioning properly.

Monroe County sheriff's deputies who helped investigate the accident said the life cushion of Harry M. Waskom, 56, of 613 South Poplar street, Brownstown, was found looped over his shoulder.

Around Ankles
Authorities said the life belt worn by Clayton F. Fisher, 78, of 299 Western Parkway, Seymour, the other drowning victim, was found around his ankles.

Investigators surmised that heavy clothing and boots, plus the age of the victims, gave the two little chance in the choppy lake waters.

Waskom's body was found about 5 p. m. Friday a short distance from the Moore's Creek launching ramp area. Fisher was found about an hour later on an embankment about one mile from the launching ramp site.

Dead Over Two Hours
Dr. Anthony Pizzo, Monroe County Coroner, examined the bodies and said the two men had been dead over two hours when they were found. He added that the cold water made it impossible to fix the exact time of death.

Arthur Maxwell, a conservation officer from Bedford, said that no one saw the men on the lake and that nothing was known of the tragedy until Waskom's body was found.

He theorized that the two men were moving across the lake when the small aluminum boat was swamped and overturned by a wave. It is believed Fisher grabbed the boat and was able to hang on until he became too numb from the cold water and let go, his head going beneath the water because of the position of the life belt on his body.

Lost Consciousness
It is also believed that Waskom probably lost consciousness from exposure and had been unable to reach the boat after it overturned.

Waskom's body apparently floundered in the water in the

middle of the lake while the wind blew Fisher and the boat to the north side of the lake.

Funeral services for Mr. Fisher were conducted at 1 p. m. today from the Voss Chapel, with Dr. Stewart E. Silver, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in charge. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery here.

Funeral services for Mr. Waskom were conducted at 2:30 p. m. today from the Brownstown Baptist Church with Dr. James Blevins, interim pastor, in charge. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Brownstown.

