

Small Boy Instantly Killed In 200 Foot Fall From Ledge

Bryan Emory Ashdown, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ashdown, was instantly killed Sunday when he struck his head against a rock as he fell from a ledge in the hills east of town.

The boy, with his two older brothers, Leonard, Jr., and Murray Ashdown, and Kerry Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lehl M. Jones, was hiking in the hills when they decided to cut through the hills north of the Cedar plaster mill in the mouth of Coal Creek canyon. His companions related that they encountered a ledge which they could not scale and as they searched for a place to get down Bryan called to them that he had found a place where he could descend. They cautioned him not to attempt the descent, but before they could reach him, he slipped over the edge when a loose rock gave way, and plunged 200 feet to his death.

The three others retraced their steps along the ledge and returned to the floor of the canyon and then hastened to Cedar City where they reported the accident to Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones returned to the scene of the accident and found, upon examination, that the boy's skull had been fractured, causing instant death, but no other bones were broken.

Bryan was born in Cedar City on November 30, 1932. He is survived by his parents and three brothers and a sister, Leonard, Jr., Murray, Lawrence, and Celestia Ashdown.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Ward L. D. S. chapel with Bishop George W. Grimshaw presiding.

A double quartet, consisting of Mrs. Annette Betensen, Mrs. Miriam Luke, Mrs. Belle Webster, Mrs. Norma Holbrook, Herschell Neeley, L. F. Luke, Vern Jones and A. B. Larson, accompanied by Mrs. Rass Macfarlane, sang "God Moves In a Mysterious Way."

The opening prayer was offered by A. N. Tollestrup after which Roy Halversen and Mrs. Virginia Larson played a violin and piano duet, "The Evening Song."

Arthur Jones was the first speaker and was followed by a contralto solo, "Oh, My Father," by Mrs. Hazel Granger.

The next speaker was President William R. Palmer who was followed by Bishop Grimshaw who gave a few concluding remarks.

The quartet then sang "There's a Beautiful Home."

Benediction was offered by Vergene Simkins. The opening and closing music was given by Miss Lucille Macfarlane and Miss Elma Corry, accompanied by Miss Phyllis Thorley.

The grave was dedicated by Herbert W. Webster.