

Rites Slated for Grain Bin Victim

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KINDE — Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Felix Catholic Church at Hewleton for Grant Michael Herriman, 42, of rural Kinde, father of seven children, who suffocated Wednesday in a bin of corn at the Caseville elevator.

The Rev. Fr. Joseph J. Schabel will officiate. Military burial rites will be conducted in the church cemetery. Remains are in the Gage Funeral Home in Kinde where the rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Herriman, a worker at the Caseville elevator plant of the Wallace and Morely Co., was helping to load a truck with corn for shipment to a dryer at Pigeon, when he apparently climbed into the top of the bin to free shelled corn which had become packed.

Clarence Ventline, elevator manager, said the corn would not pour from the chute at the bottom of the bin and Herriman apparently climbed into the top to dislodge the grain.

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VENTLINE AND a trucker, Don Ruppel, Sebawaing, said they first became aware that Herriman was in the storage bin when his shoe came out of the pouring spout.

With the help of volunteers, the men ripped the bottom out of the bin and Herriman's body slid into view as the corn poured from the bin.

Ventline said it was not known whether Herriman fell from a ladder inside the bin or whether he stepped onto the packed corn. It was estimated he had been in the bin only seven to 10 minutes.

Caseville firemen applied artificial respiration but to no avail.

Coroner James F. Colgan, who investigated with Huron County sheriff's officers, said death was due to suffocation.

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A WORKER AT the elevator the past two years, Mr. Herriman was born Nov. 7, 1921, near Elkton. He would have observed his 43rd birthday today.

A veteran of World War II, he was married in May of 1946 to Marguerite Yax at St. Felix Church.

Surviving are his widow; four sons, Leonard of Detroit, and Bruce, Russell and Daniel, all at home; three daughters, Sharon, Mary Ann, and Patricia, all at home, his mother, Mrs. Anna Herriman, Gageton; and five brothers, Nathaniel, Howard and Calvin, all of Flint, Harold of Port Huron, and Millard, De-