

Doyle Davis, 53 —

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Freak accident kills Harlan man

A freak accident Monday morning at the Shelby County Landfill site killed Doyle Davis, 53, Harlan.

A report by Shelby County Deputy Sheriff Gene Cavanaugh indicated Davis was helping unload a Larry's Hauling Service garbage truck when Davis became caught in the trash compacter.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, the victim died of a crushed skull, according to Dr. Wing-Tai Fung, attending physician at MMH.

NO EYEWITNESSES

Cavanaugh said there were no eyewitnesses to the accident.

Larry Buttry Sr., for whom Davis had worked, was assisting during the unloading operations. Each man was operating his own controls on the sides of the truck.

Buttry, however, was working on the other side of the truck and his view of Davis's side was blocked.

Cavanaugh, whose department received the call at 9:52 a.m., said the victim was bleeding profusely upon his arrival, and no pulse beat was recorded.

SERVICES

Funeral services for the accident victim are today (Thursday), 10 a.m. at Huffman Memorial Chapel in Lake City. Burial will be in the Villavou cemetery, north of Scranton.

Davis is survived by his mother, Mrs Genevra Davis, a resident of a Lake City nursing home; and two daughters, Marian and Sharon, both of Gary, Ind.

Huffman Funeral Home, which handled the arrangements in Lake City, said the victim was a Korean

War veteran and had been a resident of the Harlan House Hotel. He had been a Harlan resident only the past year, the funeral home said.