

Joseph B. Boland
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Hearing Pending In Death Of McDowell Educator

Funeral services for Joseph B. Boland, 58, prominent McDowell County educator who died following a fight Saturday afternoon, have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Jaeger Methodist Church, with the Rev. Frank Plyvon and the Rev. W. S. Barberry officiating.

Burial, including Masonic graveside rites, will follow in Jaeger Memorial Cemetery.

The prominent Roderfield Elementary School principal died about 2:15 p.m. Saturday, following a fight with Fred Workman, 53, of Premier, at a mine site owned by Boland at Coon Tree Hollow, near Premier, state police reported.

Hearing Pends

Workman is being held in McDowell County jail pending hearing before Justice of the Peace Lon Mitchell on a charge of murder.

An autopsy was performed in Bluefield Sunday, in an effort to determine whether the victim died as a result of blows allegedly received when struck with a piece of timber during the row, or from a heart attack possibly resulting from the fight.

The victim died shortly after the argument, police said. The results of the autopsy will not be known for "a few days", medical spokesmen said.

Boland was a native of Scioto County, Ohio, and had been a teacher in McDowell County schools for 32 years. He was a son of the late John and Ida Boland.

He had been principal of Roderfield Elementary School for 21 years, was a member of the Jaeger Methodist Church, a member of Masonic Lodge 148, a member of Roderfield Booster Club, and a former Scoutmaster.

He received his BS degree at Marshall College and his master's at Duke University.

Services Set

The body will be taken from Fanning Funeral Home to the Roderfield Methodist Church today at 1 p.m., where it will remain for two hours and then be taken to the residence at Jaeger.

The body will be taken to Jaeger Methodist Church at 1 p.m. Tuesday, where 2 p.m. funeral services will be conducted.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Blanche Boland; one son, Henry Boland, of the U. S. Army in Ft. Benning, Ga., four brothers, Paul Boland, of Oak Hill, and Harold, Sam and Felix Boland, of Hinton; and three sisters, Mrs. Viola Hess, Fort Knox, Ky., Mrs. Emily Neely, Dayton, O., and Mrs. Oma Meaner, of Elkins.

Pallbearers: Joe Scott, Sr., Dick Bailey, Carl Pennington, Bill Turner, Smith McCoy, P. K. Martin, H. C. Beaver and Ellis Groseclose.

Honorary pallbearers: Sam Stanly, Neil Flanagan, John Pate, Sr., J. W. Hampton, Robert Martin, Sr., P. C. Edwards, Earl Phillips, Luther Keith, B. J. Bourne, B. C. Courtney, E. L. Puckett, George W. Bryson, S. R. Vance, J. W. Bingham, Paul Hopkins, Percy Henderson, Bill Allen, C. O. Davis, Sr., Harvey Chambers, K. Ameen, J. R. Gillespie, Edgar Steele, S. E. Eschboch, J. H. Carter, W. S. Burdette, Dr. C. T. Clark, E. K. Whitley, Dr. John Addair, Roscoe Thompson, W. R. Talbott, Willie Perdiou, John Henry and Leo Signiogo.

Flower bearers will be members of the Eastern Star and WSCS.