

Thomas Edward Ward

May 15, 1954 – July 4, 1971

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Gunshot Victim's Rites Scheduled

HINTON (RNS) — Funeral services for Thomas Edward Ward, 17, of Hinton, who died Sunday afternoon at Bass Lake Park near Hinton of gunshot wounds, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the E. M. Meadows Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton. Rev. Napoleon Gill will be in charge of the services and burial will be in the Upland Cemetery near Hinton.

State police have charged Emmett Fox Jr., 40, co-owner and operator of Bass Lake Park, with murder in connection with the shooting. Fox is being held in the Summers County Jail.

Born in Hinton, May 15, 1954, Ward was a son of Okey and Shirley Tate Ward of Hinton.

Other survivors include six brothers, Freddy, Teddy, Samuel, Toney, Dwayne and Andy, all at home; three sisters, Mrs. Donna Sue Spade of Hinton and Cindy and Beverly, both at home, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Ward, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Tate, both of Hinton.

The body will remain at the funeral home where friends may call after noon today.

Pallbearers will be Charles Adkins, Jackie Ward, Robert, David and Johnny Gill and Jack Tatel.