

Lexington woman dies after falling into Hardy Lake early Sunday morning

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Efforts to resuscitate a Lexington woman failed in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 27, after the victim was pulled from the waters of Hardy Lake.

Before 1 a.m., Scott County's central dispatching center received a distraught call about a woman being "...unresponsive (and) in the water." she was identified as Nancy Carol Burton, 47.

Officers with the Indiana Conservation Service and Sheriff's Department and Scott County EMS technicians responded. The woman was transported to shore by boat, where technicians rendered first aid and CPR. She was then taken to Scott Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead by Scott County Coroner Jerry Buchanan.

The preliminary investigation by conservation officers related that Burton had been boating with her husband, Edward "Ronnie" Burton, 58, prior to the accident. The woman "...entered the water from a boat occupied by another male before becoming unresponsive," the news release stated.

Alcohol may have been a factor in the accident, it noted. No foul play is suspected. Burton was not wearing a life jacket.

An autopsy at the Louisville Medical Examiner's Office was conducted later on Saturday morning. Results were not released.

Visitation at the Stewart-Hoagland Funeral Home in Scottsburg is planned tonight (Wednesday) from 4 to 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 1.

Burial will be in the Campbell Cemetery near Austin.