

Luke David Brandon, Class of 1947.



Luke D. Brandon, 22, died of a gunshot wound early yesterday in New Orleans, several hours after receiving a plane ticket to Memphis from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Brandon of 1997 Central.

The youth had been employed at a New Orleans warehouse the past 18 months, his father said. In New Orleans he was known William Johnson.

The young man's father said his son has been expected here Christmas morning and had planned to leave New Orleans for a position here in his father's insurance.

Mr. Brandon lived with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Walter in New Orleans. Mrs. Walter was quoted by the Associated Press as saying she heard a shot at 8 Wednesday night in her home. Investigating, she discovered Mr. Brandon wounded, sitting with a .22 rifle in his hand.

Mr. Walter said the youth recently bought the rifle for hunting. The coroner's office at New Orleans said the death will be investigated.