

Gary Thomas Littlejohn, Class of 1958.



Gary Littlejohn, 48, Found Drowned in Lake

The body of a Memphis man was found in about six feet of water in a lake at Natchez Trace State Park, the Carroll County sheriff said.

Gary Thomas Littlejohn, 48, of Memphis, an accountant with the Frayser Bookkeeper Service, was found at 7:02 a.m. Sunday in Maple Creek Lake, about 120 miles east of Memphis on Interstate 40.

Sheriff Joe Parker said Littlejohn had rented a boat to go fishing about 1:30 p.m. Saturday. "We were first called at 9:30 p.m. Saturday when the park officials noticed his truck was still there," Parker said.

Deputies learned that Littlejohn had rented a boat and a boat still was out, the sheriff said.

"They just have an honor system for turning in the boats. You just turn in your plug when you are through with it. They didn't know that it was still out.

Deputies and county rescue workers began searching for Littlejohn and found his boat in a cove, but dragging operations were suspended because of darkness.

Parker said dragging resumed at 6 a.m. Sunday and the body was found about 30 feet from a bank in water about five to six feet deep.

"There were no apparent injuries and there's no indication of any foul play," the sheriff said. "The death has been ruled an accidental drowning."

Littlejohn, the husband of Carolyn Littlejohn, also leaves a son, Kyle Littlejohn of the home; his mother, Mrs. Deline Shawen of Truman AR; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Littlejohn of Memphis, and a sister, Mrs. Betty Lou Presley of Burleson TX. He was a member of Leawood Baptist Church.

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