

Accidental Shooting Claims Boy's Life

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Cleaning Guns With Older Brother

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LOWELL, VT - A 10-year-old Lowell boy died Friday evening from an accidental gunshot wound, state police said.

Ryan H. Langmaid was at his Mines Road home with his teenage brother, Shane Patrick, cleaning firearms in a bedroom, police said.

"Investigation indicates that the victim died as a the result of a wound from a shotgun that was dropped and discharged," according to a police report issued Monday.

Ryan had been handling the weapon, police said. The older brother reported the 7 p.m. shooting, and went to a neighborhood home for help. Missisquoi Ambulance responded.

Police would not say when Ryan died. The home belongs to the boys' parents, Randy and Tonya Langmaid.

Orleans County State's Attorney Keith Flynn has been called in to the investigation of the untimely death. An autopsy was scheduled for Dec. 6. State police Detective Sgt. Thomas Roberts and Detective Lt. Leo Bachand said they could not give the age of Ryan's brother. They would not comment further Monday on the untimely death.

Ryan was a student at Lowell School. "Ryan loved to talk and ask questions, read, ride his bike, cook with his mother, help with chores with his great-grandpa, help with anything his father was doing, and hassle his brother," according to his obituary.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Curtis-Britch/Converse-Rushford Memorial Chapel, 37 Lake Road, Newport City.

Visiting hours are 5 p.m. until the time of the service.

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