

UPDATE: Man Identified in Grain Bin Death, Family Shares Memories

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HUMPHREY, Neb. -- Family members have confirmed the name of the 70-year-old victim who was trapped in a grain bin.

Glen Brandt is dead after being trapped in a grain bin last night just southeast of Humphrey.

According to Platte County Sheriff Ed Wemhoff, Humphrey Fire and Rescue responded to the emergency call at 25605 430th Street just before 8:30 PM Wednesday night.

Shortly after the arrival of EMS and law enforcement, the male victim was located in the grain bin and was deceased at that time. According to Wemhoff, the initial investigation suggests that the man's death was an accident.

Family members are mourning the loss of Glen Brandt, a man you couldn't say a bad thing about according to those who knew him best.

"There probably wasn't a better guy in the world than he was. Good-hearted man, really careful, he was a really sensible," Cousin Paul Beiermann recalls. "Just one of these freak accidents that happened I guess."

Dozens of family members and friends made their way to the residence Thursday to pay their respects and recall fond memories.

"We grew up together, we were just like brothers almost," Beiermann shares. "When we were small kids we were like any kids, we played cowboys and Indians together. He was a year younger than I was. He was a great guy."

Beiermann said another cousin of his passed away in a similar incident 20 years ago, and hopes that event like this can be learned from.

"He knew better than to go in the bin. He knew it was the wrong thing to do, but he probably just had some little thing he wanted to do in there and probably fell. That's all I can say. Nobody will really know I guess."

Brandt was 70 years old, and will be missed dearly by family and friends.