

Billy Franklin Raines

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Rites Today For Victims Of Drownings

HINTON — Service will be today for two drowning victims whose bodies were recovered yesterday from the New River near here.

Dead are Billy Franklin Raines, 18, and Ronald Eugene Zimmerman, 18, of Hinton.

Police said they were told that the men were last seen on Tuesday. No missing person reports were filed, they said.

Police theorized the two may have tried to wade across the river. Fishermen found the bodies, police said.

Raines was home on leave from the Marines. He was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Surviving: parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin Raines of Hinton; brothers, Ronnie, Charles, Steven, James and David, at home; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Raines of Hinton.

His service will be at 2 p.m. at E. M. Meadows Funeral Home, Hinton, with the Rev. Billy Apostelon officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Balangee.

Zimmerman is survived by his parents, Donald and Drema Bragg Zimmerman of Hinton; brothers, Donnie stationed with the Marines at Camp Lejune, N.C., Timothy, Jerry, Scott at home; sisters, Diane, Tammy, Tanya, Sue Darlene and Misty at home.

Service will be at 4 p.m. at E. M. Meadows Funeral Home, Hinton, with the Rev. Hubert Groves officiating. Burial will be in Crews Cemetery, Nimitz.