

Marie Pearl Carter Varney

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Gas Kills Summers Resident

HINTON (RNS) — A Hinton woman was found dead about 9:30 p.m. Sunday at her home as the result of gas asphyxiation and her brother was reported in critical condition at the Summers County Hospital.

The victim was identified as Mrs. Marie Pearl Varney, 56, of 305 Riverside Drive.

Police Chief Teddy Willey said he was called to the home by a neighbor and entered by prying open a door. He said he found Mrs. Varney's brother, Hunter Carter, unconscious on the couch and Mrs. Varney dead in the bedroom.

Willey said a vent closed on a gas circulator and allowed the fumes to escape into the home.

Dr. J. W. Stokes, county-coroner, said Mrs. Varney had been dead between six and seven hours.

Born October 1915, she was a daughter of the late W. A. and Zemina R. Carter.

Her husband, A. D. Varney, preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Debra; five brothers, W. A. of Forest Hill, Marion R. and Hunter R., both of Hinton, Everett L. of Colorado and Kenneth P. of Norfolk, Va., and two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Lyons of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. E. M. Scruggs of Chesapeake, Va.

The body is at E. M. Meadows Funeral Home.