Lawn Bolen

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Worker dies after fall at new plant

Lawn O. Bolen, 38, of 48 Freemont Drive, Fairfield Crest, died yesterday at Wilmington General Division of head injuries suffered in a fall Monday.

Mr. Bolen, a shift supervisor in the Diamond Aklali Co.'s new plant near Delaware City, was looking for a valve on a new pipeline when he fell about & feet to the floor through an opening where a section of grating was missing from a walkway, according to company spokesmen.

The polyvinyl chloride plant where he was working is not yet in operation. Another plant, adjacent to the new one, on River Road north of Delaware City, has been in production since August 1965.

Mr. Bolen, a native of Ellison, W. Va., had been employed by Diamond Alkali since 1953. He transferred to Delaware last summer, moving to the Newark area from Edgewood, Md.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Newark. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Belva F. Bolen; three children, Gary L., Kevin M. and Pamela Sue Bolen, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Nettie L. Bolen of Austin, W. Va.; two brothers, Don Bolen of Ellison, W. VA., and William Bolen of Crah Orchard, W. Va., and three sisters, Mrs. Vertie Wills of Bowling Green, Ky., Mrs. Myrtie Syor of Middle River, Md., and Mrs. Myrtle Farley of Midway, W. Va.

Services will be tomorrow at 2 at the William J. Warwick Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, Newark, where friends may call tonight. Interment will be in the Head of Christiana Cemetery.