

Vermillion fire victim identified

**(KMZA)--Authorities have identified the man killed last week following an explosion and fire at a home in the Marshall County community of Vermillion.**

**Marshall County Sheriff Dan Hargrave Thursday identified the victim as 83-year-old Don McLaughlin.**

**Emergency crews were called to his home in the 300 block of East 5th Street around 7:15 last Friday morning after several 911 calls reported an explosion . When emergency personnel arrived, they found the home fully engulfed in flames.**

**The fire was brought under control about three hours later. A search of the burned-out home then led to the discovery of McLaughlin's body.**

**The body was sent for an autopsy.**

**Hargrave said the explosion and fire remains under investigation by the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office.**

**A funeral service for McLaughlin will be held Monday morning at 10:00 at the Padden Funeral Chapel in Frankfort. Burial will follow at the Vermillion City Cemetery.**

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