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Filed Suit Against Manufacturers

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Asbestosis Sufferer Dies

Virgil Hare, 54, of Placedo, died at 6:20 a.m. Sunday in a local hospital following a long illness.

Hare, a Placedo resident since 1970, last year filed suit against a coalition of asbestos manufacturers, claiming he contracted asbestosis, a fatal disease, from exposure to asbestos during 23 years in the construction industry in Texas.

His suit seeks $3.5 million in damages from the manufacturers, and his wife, is seeking $1 million in damages for loss of consortium.

Hare first discovered his illness last September. He underwent chemotherapy and other treatment in Victoria hospitals and was treated by specialists in Houston.

Hare was a foreman for Du Pont. Since his illness, he had not worked in construction. He was quite ill when testimony concerning his suit was taped in early December in Victoria.

He was born June 20, 1928 in Merryville, La. Prior to moving to Victoria County, he resided in Port Neches, and had worked in the shipyards in Orange in the late 1940s. He also had worked along for the coast for 23 years, and in Kingsville.

He was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Colonial Funeral Home with the Rev. Edwin Cann officiating. Burial will be in Colonial Gardens Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Erma Droddy Hare of Placedo; two daughters, Velma Heather of Independence, Mo., and Marie McConahie of Placedo; two sons, Virgil Hare and Danny Hare, both of Placedo; four sisters, Bobbie R. Sullivan of DeRidder, La., Wanda Bailey, Joyce Alec and Clara Blanche Dial, all of Placedo; and Mella Rose Foster of Mathis; four brothers, Charles Lee Hare of Angleton, Roy David Hare and L. V. Hare, both of Victoria, and John William Hare of DeRidder, La.; and 10 grandchildren.

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