## Rev. Elmer K. Kidwell

Services for the Rev. Elmer K. Kidwell, 56, pastor of Hughes Chapel Methodist Church, Beaver, and guidance counselor at Conner Junior High School, were held Saturday at Florence Methodist Church. Burial was at Mt. Olivet in Robertson County.

Brother Kidwell was found dead Wednesday morning, December 6 in the bathroom of his home on U. S. 42, four miles west of Union. Mrs. Kidwell found her husband's body. Boone County Deputy Coroner Don Stith said Bro. Kidwell had placed the muzzle of a small-caliber rifle in his mouth and fired the fatal shot.

The Rev. Mr. Kidwell had taught at New Haven, Florence High School, Gallatin County High School and Dixie Heights High School.

He was a past master of Boone-Union Lodge No. 304, F. & A. M. and was a member of Indra Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free-masonry. K hes van Chapter, Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite held funeral services last Friday night at Stith Funeral Home, Florence, where many hundreds of mourners came to pay their respects.

He was a director of the Boone County Association for Retarded Children and a member of both the Northern Kentucky and the State Personnel Guidance Associations, as well as a member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

A pastor for more than 33 years, he held pastorates at Florence Methodist, Burlington, Taylorsport, Petersburg, East Bend, Visalia, Staffordsburg, Morning View, Spring Lake, Pleasant Grove, and Carter's Chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Kidwell was a teacher for 15 years and had been a resident of Northern Kentucky for more than 25 years. A native of Fleming County, he was a graduate of the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evansville, Ind. He held a Master's Degree from University of Kentucky, Lexington.

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