Railroad Accident Kills Switchman

A Norfolk & Western Railway switchman was killed about 12:35 p.m. Wednesday in an accident in the East Decatur yards.

He is Stanley G. Mayberry, 39, of 1675 E. Martin St., who was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner Russell Phelps.

Police said the accident apparently occurred while Mayberry was standing between an uncoupled gondola car and an adjacent tri-level car.

When a switch engine pushed the cars together, police said, Mayberry was crushed between the couplings of the two cars, then dragged about 600 yards before falling free.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the J. J. Moran & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in Macon County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Mayberry was born in Macon County, a son of Noah David and Lucille Kelly Mayberry.

He was a member of Riverside Baptist Church and the United Trainmen Union.

He was married to Frances West.

Mr. Mayberry leaves his wife; sons, Larry and Steven, both at home; parents of Decatur; brothers, David L., serving with the Army; Howard E., Thomas J. and Larry E., all of Decatur; sisters, Mrs. Donald (Charlotte) Putman, Springfield; Mrs. Russell (Margaret) Sawyer, Decatur. One son and one sister preceded in death.