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A rural Portland man was electrocuted Sunday evening while working in a dairy barn in rural Coldwater, Ohio, Mercer County police said today.

Ronald L. Braun, 27, RR 3, Portland, was pronounced dead on arrival about 10 p.m. (Ohio time) at Community Hospital, Coldwater, George Zoller, Mercer County Sheriff's Department Special Deputy said this morning.

Zoller said the accident occurred shortly before 10 p.m. at the farm of Kirby McAfee, west of Coldwater.

Braun, who worked for Superior Agri-Systems Inc. of Coldwater, was working on a pump when he was killed, Zoller said. Braun was apparently standing in liquid manure when he received an electrical shock and was thrown to the ground, police said.

Other workers from Superior Agri-Systems Inc. performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Braun, and Mercer County Emergency Medical Service was called to the farm, Zoller said.

Mercer County police are continuing to investigate the accident, Zoller said.

Braun was born Oct. 29, 1964, in Coldwater to Ivo and Eloise (Barhorst) Braun. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1983 and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Surviving are his parents; three brothers, Thomas Braun of Fort Recovery and Steven Braun and Fred Braun of niece and a nephew.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bryant, with Father Robert Reinhart officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. (Ohio time) and after 9 a.m. (Ohio time) Wednesday at Brockman & Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

A rosary will be recited Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (Ohio time) at the funeral home.

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