

JUNE 19, 1979
MEN

James B. Jankow

TEMPERANCE — James B. Jankow, 31, of 1331 Indian Creek Dr., who at one time played professional baseball in the Boston Red Sox and Baltimore Orioles franchises, died Monday night in his home.

Dr. David J. Lieberman, Monroe County medical examiner, ruled cause of death an self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Farnham Funeral Home, Temperance, where services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday. The Rev. William Paul of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Temperance, will officiate, and burial will be in Whitesford Union Cemetery, Whitesford Township.

The son of James and Jean (Caird) Jankow, he was born July 21, 1948, in Detroit. Moving to the area with his parents 20 years ago, Mr. Jankow was one of the first players to be signed by the Boston Red Sox franchise under the college scholarship plan adopted by the major leagues.

He graduated from Bedford High School in 1967, and entered Michigan State University. In the fall of 1968, he enrolled at the University of Toledo, and graduated from there in 1970. While at TU, he was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity.

In addition to playing in the Red Sox system, Mr. Jankow, a pitcher, played for three years in the Baltimore Orioles' minor league system.

Recently, he had been employed as a salesman for the Clark L.M. Truck Co. in Toledo.

Surviving are his parents, with whom he lived, and a sister, Mrs. Bruce (Jennifer) Holoy of Sand Creek.