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Former Yazoo City Police Chief Bobby Adam was killed in a tractor accident Wednesday. Adam, 59, was using a small farm tractor to push a tree with a front end loader when the tree apparently shifted and struck him. Yazoo County Coroner Ricky Shivers said Adam died from head and chest injuries sometime around 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Adam was a veteran law enforcement officer. Yazoo City Police Chief Eric Snow said Adam was a highly effective chief.

“He was one of the most hard working and honest people I have ever known,” Snow said. “He always did what he said he was going to do.”

Snow said Adam was considered by many to be one of the top fingerprint experts around, was a skilled investigator and later became an effective administrator.

“He taught me a lot,” Snow said. “He was my supervisor, and he trained me to be an investigator. Later he was my chief, and he served this department well.”

Snow said he continued to seek Adam’s advice long after Adam retired.

“I still called him all the time when I needed some insight on how to handle something,” Snow said. “My heart just goes out to his family. We’re all going to miss him very much.”

Bill Gilmer, a former Ward 2 Alderman, said he always enjoyed working with Adam.

“He was just a really good guy,” Gilmer said.

Funeral arrangements had not been set by press time Thursday.