

Ferrel, Henry E.

Northampton Soldier Buried; Died In Crash

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Military honors were accorded Technical Sergeant Henry E. Ferrel, radio operator of an Army bomber crew killed in a crash October 14, at funeral services Saturday. Interment took place at Allen Union cemetery in that community.

Sergeant Ferrel was one of ten men who perished in the crash of an Army bomber near the Blythe Army Air base in Neighbors, Cal. while attempting an emergency landing.

Sgt. Ferrel had just become engaged to Antoinette Morrell, 18, Northampton, the ring having been received by her on the day of his death.

Rev. Arthur S. Deibert, pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Northampton officiated, assisted by Rev. Ralph R. Hartzell, pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Northampton.

Military rites were in charge of Sergeant Martin Diefenthaler, a member of Ferrel's bomber crew, who accompanied the body to Northampton. Assisting were 10 servicemen of Northampton and vicinity who were home on furloughs, six of whom served as pallbearers.

Sergeant Ferrel, a native of Northampton and a graduate of the Whitehall High school, class of 1942, was one of five children of Edmond and the late Lottie A. Huber) Ferrel, 150 Front St., Cementon. Enlisting in the Army Air Forces in July of 1942, he had received training in Chicago, Ill.; Panama and Salinas, Calif. He had been a radio operator in Blythe. Surviving him in addition to his father are two sisters, Mrs. Grace Leindecker, Northampton; Jean Ferrel, at home, and two brothers, Harold J., Northampton, and Charles, at home.

His fiance, Miss Morrell, was graduated from the Northampton High school, class of 1942, and is employed in the offices of the Durable Pants Co., Northampton.

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