

Ferrel, Henry E.

Gets News of Death Of Sweetheart On Day of Betrothal

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Joy over the receipt of an engagement ring was turned into sorrow several hours later when Miss Antoinette Morrell, 18, of Northampton, was informed that her betrothed, Sergeant Henry E. Ferrel, 19-year-old Cementon bomber-radio operator, had been one of a crew of ten killed as a four-engined bomber crashed in an emergency landing near Blythe Army Air Base, Neighbors, Calif., on Thursday. The ring arrived in Thursday afternoon's mail from California. Sergeant Ferrel was killed at 8:20 p. m.

Sergeant Ferrel, a graduate of Whitehall High School, 1942, was one of five children of Edmond and the late Lottie A. (Huber) Ferrel, 150 Front Street, Cementon. Enlisting in the Army Air Forces July, 1942, he had received training in Chicago, Panama City, and Salinas, Calif., as a gunner and radio operator. He had been a radio instructor at Blythe.

Miss Morrell was graduated from Northampton High School last year and has been employed as a secretary in the offices of the Durable Pants Company in Northampton.

Ferrel's survivors, besides his father, are two sisters, Mrs. Grace Leindecker, Northampton; Jean Ferrel, at home, and two brothers, Harold J., Northampton, and Charles, at home. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Northampton.

Arrangements have been made by the Schisler Funeral Home to have the body returned to Northampton for funeral services.

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