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Friel Requiem Held at Church

"Tonopah, Sep 22 - Tonopah paid its last respects to Pvt. James Friel, Tonopah native killed in action in Korea on July 23, as funeral services were held from St Patrick's Catholic Church here Saturday morning. Father Francis Makula of Fallon, former Tonopah parish priest under whom Pvt. Friel served as altar boy and later sang in the church choir, officiated.

Burial was in the Catholic plot of the Tonopah Cemetery beside the grave of Pvt. Friel's father, John J. Friel.

Active pallbearers were Doug Douglas, Don Logan, Jim Marlino, Louis Rivero, Martin Sorhouoet, Emerson Titlow, Tony Rodela and Allen Douglas. Honorary pallbearers were Al Bradshaw, Clyde Marty, Gerald Roberts, Charles Cavanaugh, Roy Wolfe and Leo Funk.

Rosary was recited at the Tonopah funeral home on Friday evening at 8 p.m. by Father Paul Meinecke, pastor at St Patrick's Church.

Pvt Friel was born in Tonopah on September 11, 1928 and was a member of a prominent Nye county family. He attended the local schools and was graduated from Tonopah High School, where he was an outstanding student and basketball player. Pvt. Friel attended the University of Nevada for two years and was affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity. He was an active member of the Tonopah 20-30 Club, of which he was a past president.

He played basketball for the 20-30 Club and was one of the stars of the Nevada Softball League. A talented musician, Pvt. Friel led an orchestra here at one time. Before entering the Army in October, 1951, he was employed by Northern Transportation Co. here.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lillian Friel; two brothers, Joe Friel of Tonopah and William Friel of Reno; two aunts Mrs. Cecelia Tenant and Mrs. Mary Redington, both of Tonopah; four cousins, LT Helen Tenant, Navy nurse stationed in Lorea, Raymond Tenant and Mrs. Nora Jensen of Tonopah and Bill Lyons of Alameda."