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Funeral Held for Nye Youth

Tonopah June 22 - Funeral services were conducted from St. Patrick's Catholic church this morning for Nick Merlino Jr popular nineteen-year-old Tonopah youth who died early last Wednesday afternoon at Boulder, Colo.

The Rev Francis Mikula was in charge of the services and burial took place in the Catholic plot of the Tonopah Cemetery near the body of the youth's mother who died four years ago.

The youth who had been in failing health for the past year, had been undergoing treatment in Colorado sanitariums for the past four months but his condition gradually became weaker.

He was born March 20, 1924 at Burke, Idaho. When a small boy he moved with his parents to Las Vegas and remained there until ten years ago when the family came to Tonopah to reside. He attended the Tonopah schools and graduated from the grade school. He was a member of the high school class of 1943 until ill health forced his withdrawal from high school. Prior to leaving for Colorado he had been employed by a local trucking firm.