

Sgt. Beal's Funeral Held At Highlands

Funeral services for Sergeant George McPherson Beal, 29, who was killed in action in Rome, Italy, May 25, 1944, were held Thursday afternoon of last week at the Highlands Baptist church by the Pastor, the Rev. Paul C. Nix, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Welch, of Franklin. The Misses Patsy, Audrey and Ann Hays sang "Some Sweet Day". Flower girls were Ann Holt, Martha Holt, Louise Holt, Doris Hedden, Hazel Potts and Manilla Krug.

Pallbearers were Marshall Reese, Leon Potts, Roy Potts, Taft Henry, L. W. Rice, Jr., and Robert Reeko, Jr., members of the Highlands Memorial post, American Legion. Burial was in Highlands cemetery with full military honors, conducted by the William E. Dillard post of the American Legion, of Sylva.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Beal, Sgt. Beal was one of three brothers to enlist in World War II, serving three years with the U. S. army. In addition to his parents, survivors include three brothers, David Beal of the Army, Robert Beal of the Navy, and R. L. Beal, of Highlands; and two sisters, Mrs. Janice Taylor of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Rebecca Kerns of Haymarket, Va.