

Final Rites Are Held For Cpl. Keener

The body of Cpl. John H. Keener, Jr., 19-year old air forces tall gunner who was shot down over Yugoslavia five years ago, was laid to rest in the Franklin cemetery Sunday, with the local post of the American Legion conducting the military rites at the grave.

The Rev. J. I. Vinson and the Rev. Hoyt Evans conducted the service at the First Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock, and at the graveside members of the Legion paid final tribute to their comrade.

Horace T. Nolan and Bill Bryson were the honor guard; Cecil Parker, Arvil Parker, Phil McCollum, Frank Plyler, and Weaver Shope made up the color guard; Robert Parker, Frank Reece, Harry Kinsland, Joe Bradley, Harold Enloe, Morris Norton, and Siler Slagle, were members of the firing squad; and S. L. (Sammy) Beck, bugler, sounded "Taps".

Erwin Patton, Lon Dalton, Marshall Fouts, Milton Fouts, Newell Pendergrass, and Bob Sloan, also of the Legion, were pallbearers.

Cpl. Keener was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Keener, of Brevard, formerly of Macon County. Survivors, in addition to his parents include two brothers, Eugene, of Brevard, and Harold, of Franklin; and five sisters, Mrs. Tommy Haves, of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. Lawrence Fisher, Mrs. Furman Waldroop; and Misses Pauline and Viola Keener, all of Brevard.