

Morrison Dies At His Home

James Otis Morrison, a retired U.S. Army master sergeant, died unexpectedly January 6 at his home in the Oak Grove community. A Maton County native, he was 56.

Funeral services for Mr. Morrison were conducted the 9th at 2 p.m. at the Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Judson Duvall, pastor, and the Rev. Walter Middleton, chaplain of the William E. Dillard American Legion Post 104. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Lon Dalton, Zeb Meadows, Bill Bryant, Van Frazier, Cecil Parker, and Newell Pendergrass.

Born July 22, 1906, Mr. Morrison was the son of the late James A. and Mrs. Ellen Deah Morrison. He was married Feb. 6, 1949 to Miss Audrey Spann, of Soperton, Ga. He was discharged from the U.S. Army on Nov. 5, 1960, following 25 years of service as a career soldier. Mr. Morrison was a member of the William E. Dillard American Legion Post 104 and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

In addition to his wife, surviving are four step-sons David Katz, of Massachusetts; William Katz, of England; Richard and Fred Katz, of Norfolk, Va.; five brothers, Fred and Frank Morrison, of Waynesville, Robert Morrison, of Hickory, Don Morrison, of Ashboro, and Clyde Morrison, of High Point; a sister, Mrs. Eloise Picklesimer, of Sylva.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.