



LT. E. T. MCNAIR
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Services Today For Lt. McNair

Veteran War Flier Killed in Crash

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Missionary Baptist church in West Pensacola for Lt. Emmett T. McNair, 33, USN, who was killed when the Navy plane he was piloting in a training mission last Friday crashed.

The Rev. Earl LeWallen will conduct the services at the church, and Chaplain H. A. McNeil will be in charge of graveside services.

Burial will be in St. John's cemetery, where full military honors will be accorded the World War II veteran.

Lieutenant McNair was a native Pensacolian and a veteran of 16 years service in the Navy. He received his wings and was commissioned into the regular Navy here in 1943. As a member of an anti-submarine patrol on the European coast, he was credited with several submarines, and was awarded the Distinguish Flying Cross. After the war, he was assigned to a weather squadron in the Pacific to take part in the perilous task of flying into typhoons and charting their courses. He was a member of the first squadron organized to do this task, and for his outstanding work was awarded the Presidential Citation.

The crash victim's family several days before his death received an Army Citation awarded him for the excellence of his work in participating in Operation Portrex in the Carribbean sea earlier this year. He was assigned to the Army general staff as an umpire during this operation.

At the time of his death, Lieutenant McNair was participating in Operation Swarmer, testing the effectiveness of our radar jamming techniques. He had volunteered to take the flight out and had led the flight over Sumpter, S. C., and Fayetteville, N. C., completed the mission and was returning to Norfolk Air base at the time of the accident. His wing man reported that they found unusual turbulence while flying through clouds and that the reason for Lieutenant McNair's crash was unknown.

The lieutenant was a lifetime member of the First Missionary Baptist church. He and Mrs. Dorothy Trawick McNair built a home at 2540 Escambia avenue in 1946, and Mrs. McNair plans to remain here with her two children, Dianne and Pamela.

Other survivors are: the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McNair, of Pensacola a brother, Hines Drew McNair of Pensacola, and a sister, Mrs. M. O. Davey of Norfolk.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Lt. Comdr. R. L. Nichols, Lt. Comdr. J. M. Richards, Lt. B. W. Wilson, Chief J. F. Brown, Lt. R. E. Redmon and Lt. R. H. White. Active pallbearers will be: Lt. (jg) D. E. Cummings, Ens. D. A. Tarpennig, Ens. D. C. Larish, Ens. W. V. Peacock, Ens. D. G. Wallace, Jr., Ens. W. R. Fisher.

Waters and Hibbert funeral home will be in charge.