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Rites Conducted In Tonopah For Wreck Victims

"Tonopah, April 8- Largely attended funeral services for Frd Robert "Bobby Brotherton and Melvin Eugene "Gene" Nicholas, Tonopah youths killed in an airplane crash near Stone Cabin Ranch on Sunday, March 30, were held in the Elks hall here on Thursday afternoon.

William J. Crowell read the last rites and the bodies were borne to the Tonopah Cemetery in vehicles traveling side by side. Burial took place in the Veterans of Foreign War plot.

Casketbearers for Mr. Brotherton were Bill Walter, Bob Jameson, Harvey Hooper, Louis Rivero, Roy Clifford and David Banovich.

Both men were members of pioneer Nye County families and were natives of Tonopah. Each saw service during World War II and had been lifelong friends.

Fred Robert Brotherton was born March 15, 1927 and was a graduate of the local schools. He was employed by the state highway department here. Survivors are his widow Josephine and two step-children Donald and Clyde Rigger, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brotherton of Tonopah; an aunt, Mrs. Ray Lorigan of Tonopah, and an uncle, Lee Brotherton of Manhattan."