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Services Held For Tonopah Man

Funeral services for Chester D. Clendenning, who died suddenly Aug. 31 from a heart attack while visiting at the Hot Creek ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Ornelas, were held at the Wonocott & Cavanaugh mortuary chapel recently.

The Rev. Glenn Lutz officiated at the last rites and casketbearers were Lee Handerson, Frank Steen, Eldred Moore, Henry Kneifel and Clem Hertel. Burial was in the Tonopah cemetery.

Mr. Clendenning was born in Mound Valley, Elko county, 1891. He attended school in Eureka and in 1904 came to Tonopah with his father to help with the delivery and freight business the elder Clendenning established.

After farming in Elko county, he joined the army in world war I. At the end of the war Mr. Clendenning returned to Tonopah and for some years he successfully conducted a fuel and transfer business.

He built the Tonopah Motel - first one of its kind constructed in Tonopah. At the time of his death, Mr Clendenning was employed by the highway department.