

Rites For Ailey Hurley Held Sunday

Funeral services for the Montezuma area's first casualty of the Vietnam war, Private First Class Ailey B. Hurley, were held Sunday afternoon, May 21, at the Montezuma Methodist Church. The Rev. Howard Hayes, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

Mr. Dean Lankford was soloist at the services accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

On Friday, May 19, services were conducted for Private Hurley at the Livonia Baptist Church, Livonia, Mo. The Rev. James Graves officiated at the rites in Missouri.

Official Army escort was SP/4 Robert Hurley, a cousin of the deceased. He has been in Vietnam for ten months and was returned for the funeral services. His home is in Livonia. Also attending the services as representatives of the Secretary of Defense were Lt. Col. Costello and Sergeant Schwartz.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma with Gary McKeag, Dennie Renauld, Marvin Van-

Ansdaill, Gail Beauvais, Olin Anderson and Edward Harris serving as pallbearers.

Full military rites were conducted at the cemetery by a firing squad and honor guard from the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American Legion with taps played by members of the Montezuma High School band.

Frank Wheeler officiated at special graveside services of the Knights of Pythias. A delegation from the Montezuma lodge, of which Private Hurley was a member, attended the services.

Private Hurley, 24, died in Vietnam Wednesday morning, May 10, after being hit by hostile sniper fire while on a combat operation.

The son of Berdean and Maxine Hurley, he was born Sept. 22, 1942, at Newton. His family moved to Livonia, Mo., where he graduated from high school. He attended barber college and worked at the Wells Barber Shop in Montezuma.

On Nov. 27, 1965, he married the former Susan Wheeler of Montezuma. They moved to Altoona where Ailey was employed before entering the Army on Sept. 26, 1966. He received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and was stationed at Camp Polk, La., before leaving for Vietnam on April 2.

Ailey was a musician and had been a member of the Montezuma Jaycees.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Des Moines; his parents; his brothers, Gary and Marvin; a sister-in-law; and a niece, all of Livonia. Also surviving are his grandmothers, Mrs. Von Hurley of
the club song. Louis Palmer