

Naval Honors For CPO Pat O'Neill As Funeral Held

Naval honors were accorded Chief Petty Officer First Class Patrick J. (Pat) O'Neill, formerly of Rockport, who died at Victoria General hospital, Halifax, N.S., Thursday morning, April 11, from accidental death, when funeral services were held Monday morning.

Pat O'Neill, who was 37, and his wife and family had been residing in Middle Sackville, but had lived in Dartmouth and area since early navy days, having served in World War II and Korea, rising from Able Seaman to Chief Petty Officer, 1st Class. He was attached to Operation Diving Unit of HMCS Granby in Halifax.

The remains rested at the Cruikshank Funeral Home in Halifax from Saturday until Monday morning, when the funeral mass was held at St. Jodin Vienny Roman Catholic church, Sackville. A guard-of-honor of officers and men of HMCS Granby diving unit were present at the church and graveside.

The pallbearers were all fellow naval petty officers and divers from the Granby and included Peter J. Nicholson, James Wilson, Vernon Melanson, Keith D. Powers, Arthur Faulkner, Robert Wigmore, Norman Mitts and Francis McArthur.

Interment was made in the Gates of Heaven cemetery, Sackville, with Rev. Father Campbell officiating at the naval committal service. A profusion of spiritual and floral tributes attested to the high esteem in which he was held.

Relatives attending the services from a distance included Mrs. James Shields, Brockville, Mrs. Joseph Murray, of Rochester, N.Y., James O'Neill, of Ottawa, Thomas O'Neill, of Gananoque, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chisamore, of Gananoque, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacLean, of Prince Edward Island, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Arsenault, of P.E.I., Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scully, of Dartmouth, N.S., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Solomn, Mr. and Mrs. Pious Fitzpatrick, Stephen Scully and Adolphus Scully, all of P.E.I.