Lt. Watson Services Set At Academy

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Chapel and graveside services will be held Friday, for 1st Lt. Donald D. Watson, Air Force Academy Class of 1962.

Chapel services will be held at 2 p.m. in the cadet chapel with graveside services immediately afterward in the Academy cemetery. Lt. Col. (Chaplain) H. D. Shoemaker will officiate.

The former cadet, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson of Tripoli, Wis., was killed in action in Viet Nam while on temporary duty from Cannon AFB, N.M. He was assigned to the 481st Tactical Fighter Squadron there.

Full military honors will be given at graveside.

Graduates of the Academy stationed here will serve as pall bearers. Representatives of his parent organization will be in attendance at the services.

Lt. Watson is survived by his parents and a brother, Kenneth, of Madison, Wis. Friends are invited to services.

Shot Down In Viet Nam

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AFA Grad's Burial Here

First Lt. Donald D. Watson, 1962 Air Force Academy graduate killed in Viet Nam action, will be buried here today with full military honors.

Watson, 27, was pilot of an F105 shot down by Viet Cong July 30. He had been assigned temporarily to the 481st Tactical Fighter Wing at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

Lt. Col. H. D. Shoemaker, AFA chaplain, will officiate at a service at 2 p.m. in the academy chapel. Graveside rites will follow immediately in the AFA Cemetery.

Watson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson, Tripoli, Wis. He is survived also by a brother, Kenneth Watson, Madison, Wis.

Academy graduates still stationed here will be pallbearers. Members of Watson's organization at Cannon AFB will attend.

Watson's parents elected to bury their son at the academy cemetery. They arrived here Thursday for the funeral, the academy said.

Full military honors will include a fly-over of aircraft during the service. Four squadrons of cadets will conduct a retreat ceremony on the parade forming grounds at dusk, about 6:50 p.m.

Lt. Watson attended Tripoli, Wis., high school and was a second year student at Wisconsin State College when his academy appointment came.

During his cadet career, he forfeited one summer leave to complete the Army parachute jump course at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Watson will be the eighth academy graduate buried at the cemetery here.

First graduate to die in actual combat was Valmore W. Bourque, of Holyoke, Mass., who was promoted from lieutenant to captain posthumously. He was shot down by Viet Cong as he flew in a C-123 over Cambodia Oct. 24, 1964.

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