

Kenneth Jerome "Jerry" Neely

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Heart Attack Kills Trooper

Master Sergeant Kenneth Jerome Neely, 39, of St. Albans, a record officer with the State Police Criminal Identification Bureau in the State Capitol Building, died Friday in Thomas Memorial Hospital following a heart attack.

Neely joined the state police in 1952. He was promoted to corporal in August 1960, sergeant in June of 1964 and master sergeant in June of 1967.

He served 12 years with the Beckley detachment before he was assigned to the statehouse division in June of 1964. Sgt. Neely attended Concord and Beckley colleges, the FBI National Police Academy, the North Western Traffic Institute at Evanston, Ill., and the North Western Police Supervision and Police Management school at Institute.

Survivors: wife, Faye Ann; daughters, Martha Ann and Mary Joe at home. The family lived at 115 Alameda St.

Service will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church at Beckley. The Rev. Dr. Robert Weaver and the Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Swank will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Lawn Cemetery at Princeton.

The pallbearers will be Sgt. L. J. Trupo, Sgt. W. F. Wiant, 1st Sgt. D. V. Lilly, Sgt. G. H. Holman, Trooper J. N. White, Lt. C. West, Sgt. R. E. Langley and Capt. R. L. Bonar.

Friends may call at the Webb and Neal Funeral Home Beckley Sunday after 5 p.m.