

" Tonopah - Funeral services for PFC Samuel John Petrovich, Tonopah youth who was killed while serving as a gunner on the battleship New Mexico off the island of Okinawa on May 12, 1945, when a Japanese suicide plane struck the ship, will be held July 9 from the Odd Fellows Hall here under the direction of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A military escort accompanied the body to Tonopah from Oakland, CA today. Burial will be in the Tonopah Cemetery.

Samuel John Petrovich was born in Tonopah Feb. 26, 1925 attended and was graduated from Tonopah schools. He joined the armed forces in June, 1948, (The paper made a typo, it should be 1943 according to other records I have found of his induction) as a marine, and left for overseas duty in September of the same year. He received the purple heart, first on Jan 6, 1945 for wounds suffered in action off the shore of Iwo Jima and again May 12, 1945.