

'HE DIED A HERO'

# Weinert Pays Tribute To Victim of Vietnam War

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WEINERT — Approximately

275 friends and relatives jammed into the Weinert Baptist Church, filling both lower floor and balcony, Saturday at 4 p.m. for the funeral of Marine Lance Cpl. Dennie Lee Johnson, 21, who was killed in action May 8, while serving with U. S. forces in Vietnam.

The Rev. Carl Pool, pastor, told those in attendance, "He died a hero—we all should remember that."

After citing background on the youthful soldier, the Rev. Floyd Bailey of Knox City told the large gathering, "Dennie always did his best at every task he undertook; his friends have told me that. We should not forget that somewhere out there in the war-torn country of Vietnam this young man gave his very best for his country and its way of life."

Military graveside rites were held at the Weinert Cemetery, conspicuously set with gray skies, a cold north wind and intermittent rain.

After a twenty-one gun salute, taps were played by a lone naval bugler and the head of the Marine honor guard presented the fallen soldier's wife with the

flag that had draped the gray casket throughout the entire funeral.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Johnson of Weinert, Johnson enlisted with Marines Feb. 28, 1966 and had been overseas

since Sept., 1966. He married Mary Alice Collins Dec. 3, at Knox City.

His wife has been making home at Knox City.